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In the aftermath of the second superhuman civil war,
the world has become disillusioned with its heroes.
The next generation has to be better. They have to be...



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RECENTLY, THE CHAMPIONS TANGLED WITH A GROUP OF SUPER-POWERED CORPORATE MERCENARIES KNOWN AS THE FREELANCERS.

AND THEY DIDN'T LEAVE THINGS ON GOOD TERMS...



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NORTON SOUND,
ALASKA.



MANCHESTER,
ALABAMA.







AWESOME.
WE'VE GONE VIRAL,
PEOPLE. WE'RE LIT. HOW'S
THAT **CROW** TASTE,
HULK?

DON'T GET
COCKY.



SINCE WHEN
DID YOU START
FLOATING IN THE
PUNCH BOWL?

PRIDE
GOETH BEFORE A
FALL, BUCKETHEAD.
AND WITHOUT GOING ALL
MAD THINKER ON YOU,
BASED ON MY GENERAL
ANALYSIS OF NEWS
TRENDS...

...I GIVE
OUR GLOBAL
INFLUENCE ABOUT
ANOTHER SIX DAYS
AT MOST BEFORE
SOMETHING
SCREWS IT
UP.

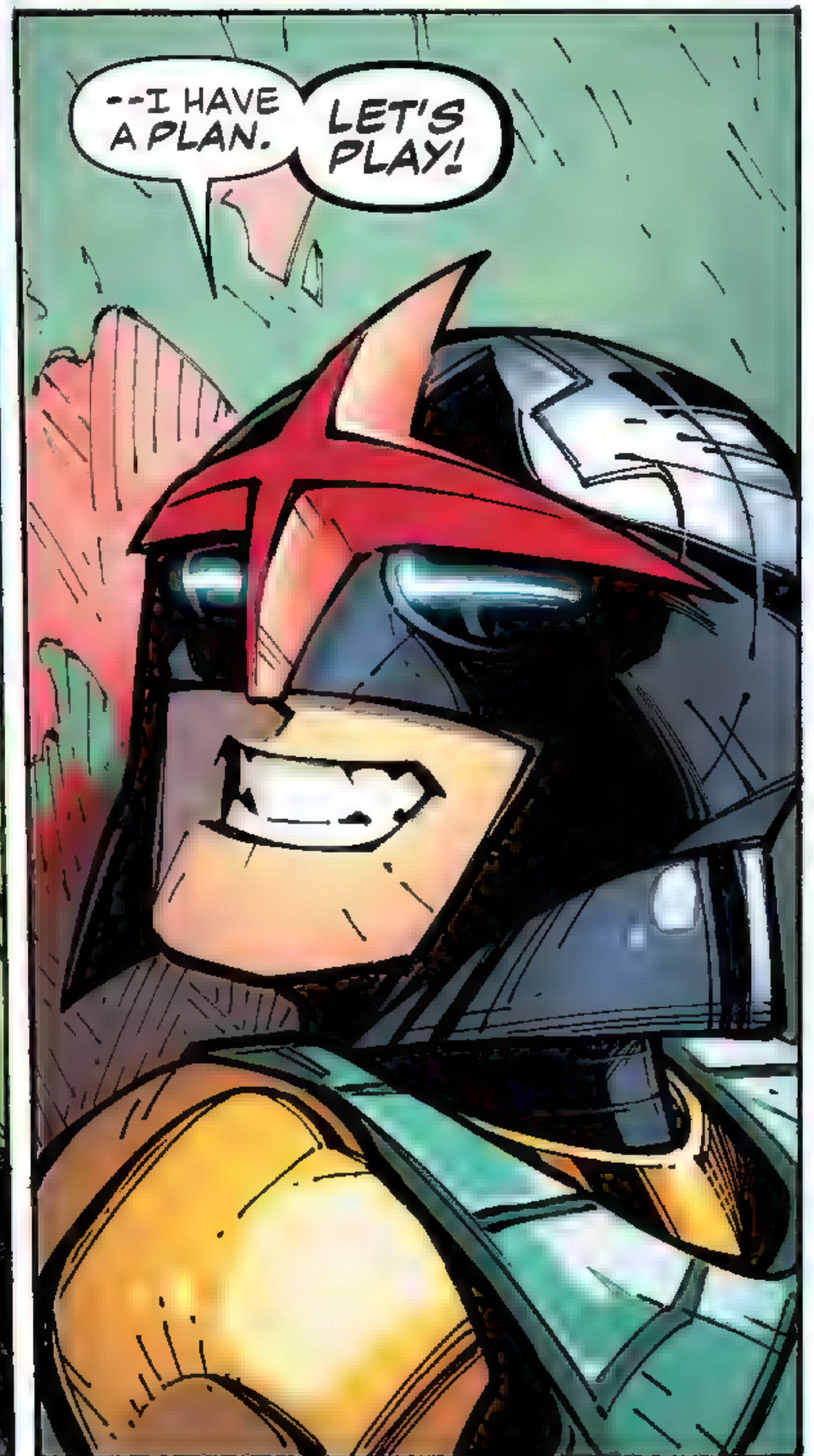


LIKE
WHAT?

SINCE WE
EMPOWERED OTHERS TO
USE IT, I HAVE HAD AN INTERNAL
PROCESSOR MONITORING THE
WEB FOR ANY UNETHICAL
USE OF THE NAME
"CHAMPIONS."

IT MAKES
SENSE THAT
SUCH USE WOULD
BE WHAT HULK
FEARS.

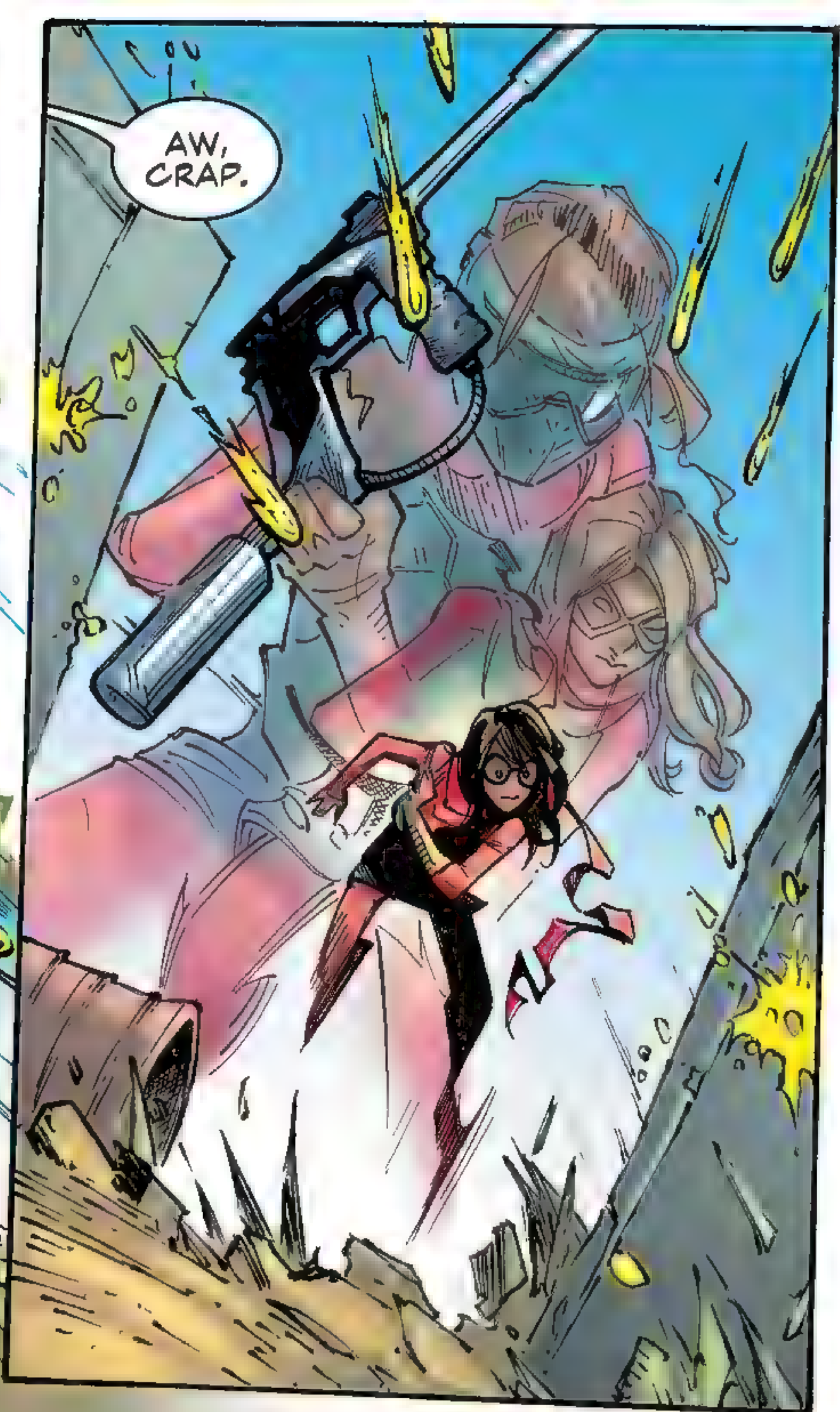






EAT
PAINT.

CHFF
CHFF
CHFF



AW,
CRAP.



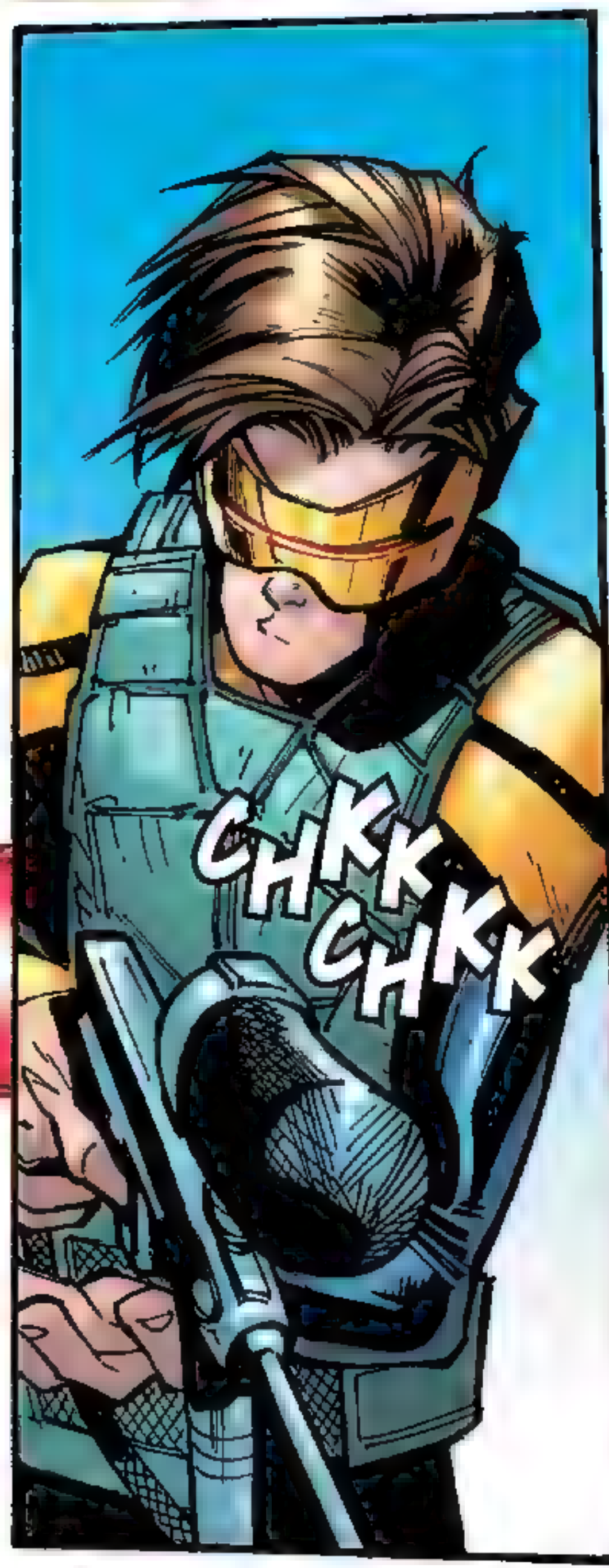
REALLY?

CHFF
CHFF
CHFF

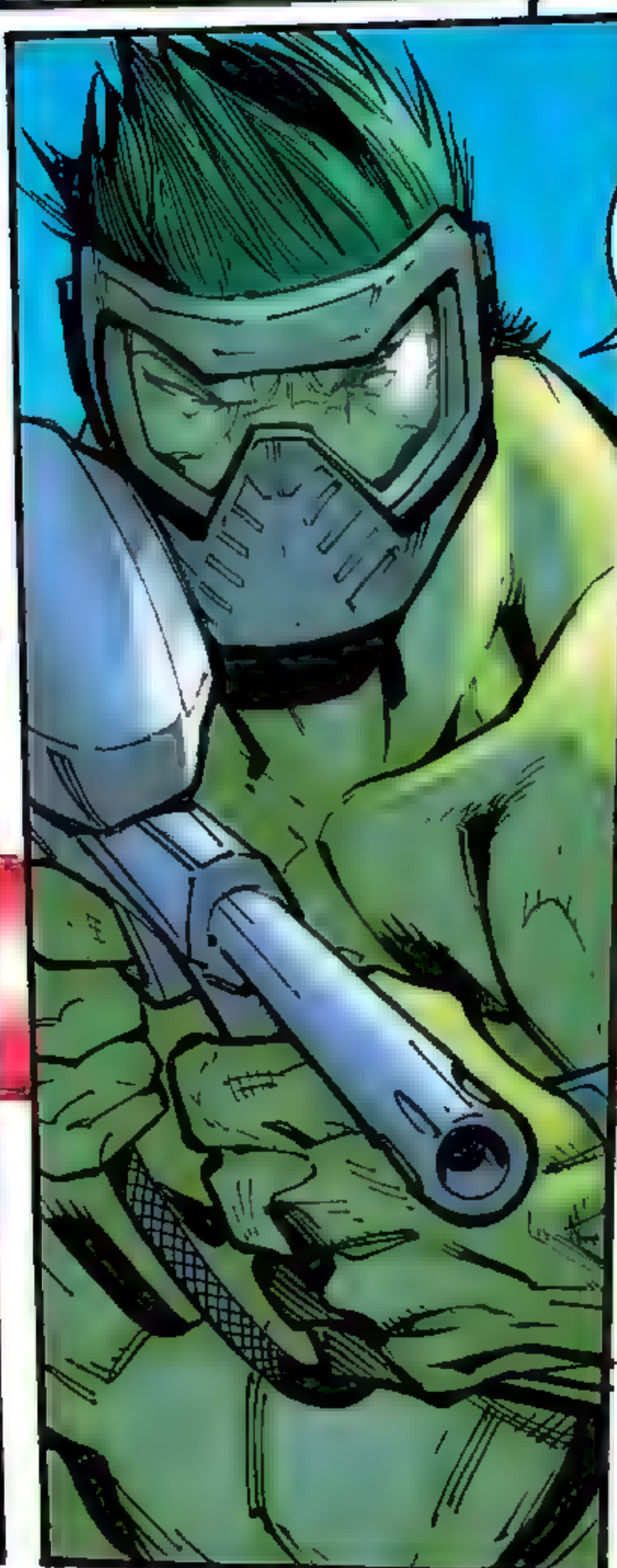


HULK
CLAP.

THUD



CHKK
CHKK



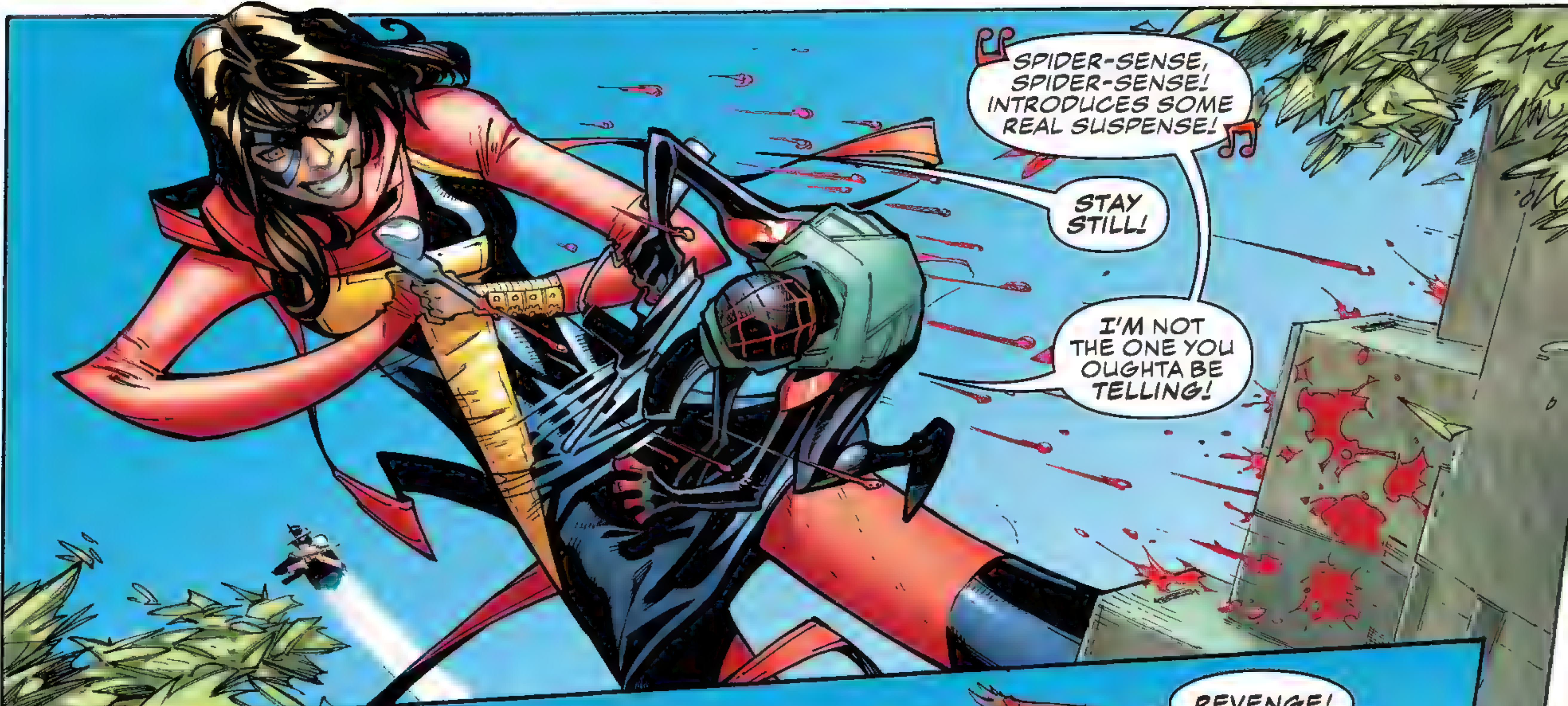
SPENT
YOUR CLIP,
SLIM? THEN
PREPARE
TO--



SZAAAK

--I KEEP
FORGETTING YOU
CAN DO THAT.





SPIDER-SENSE,
SPIDER-SENSE!
INTRODUCES SOME
REAL SUSPENSE!

STAY
STILL!

I'M NOT
THE ONE YOU
OUGHTA BE
TELLING!



REVENGE!

NERTZ.

CHFF
CHFF
CHFF



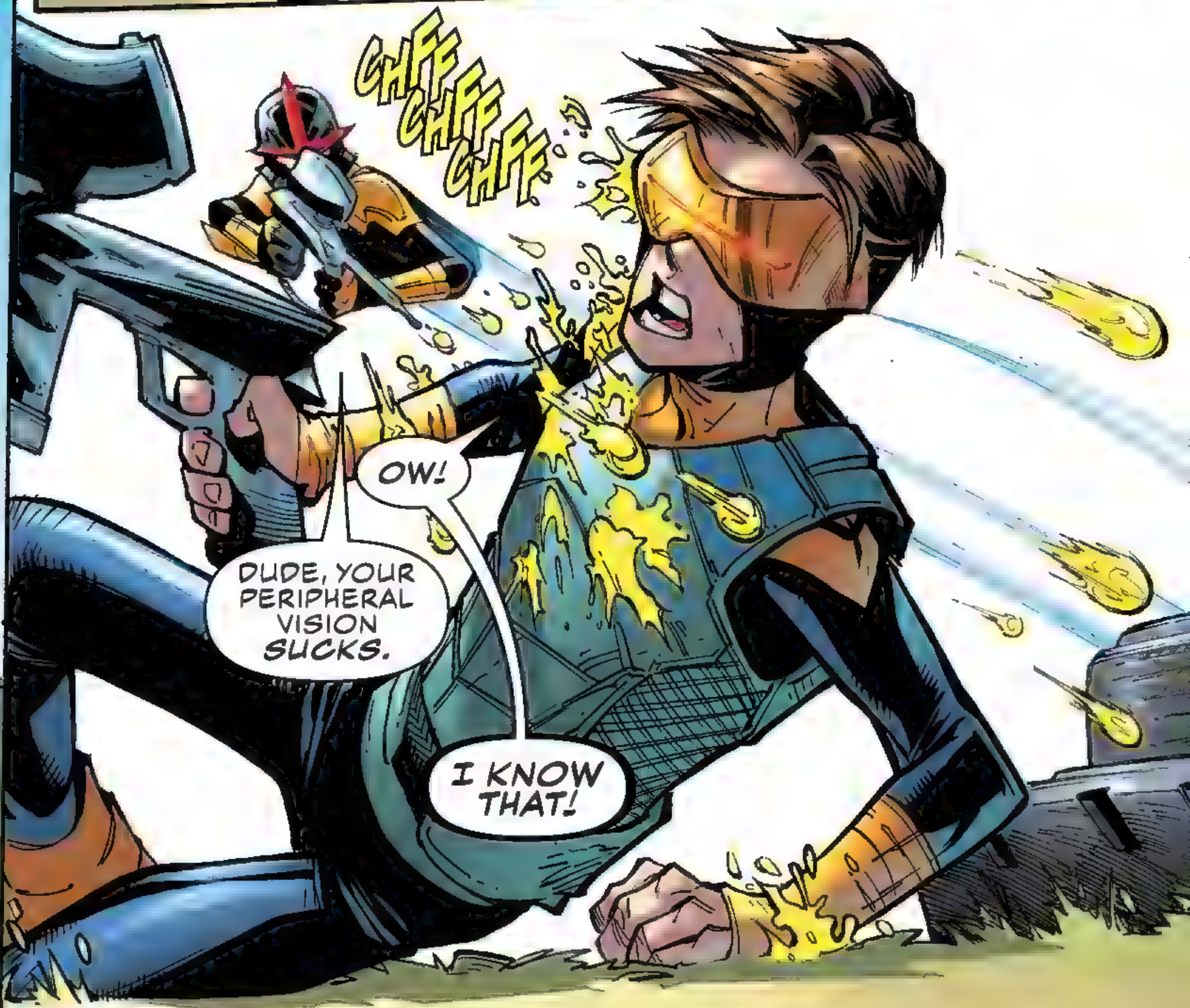
OH! OH!
SPIDEY, I'M
FALLING!

THINK YOU
CAN FLATTEN
ME? I GOT THE
MOVES! I GOT
SPIDER-
SENSE,
BABY--



BUT IT CAN'T
SORT OUT TWO
SIMULTANEOUS
ATTACKS.
BABY.

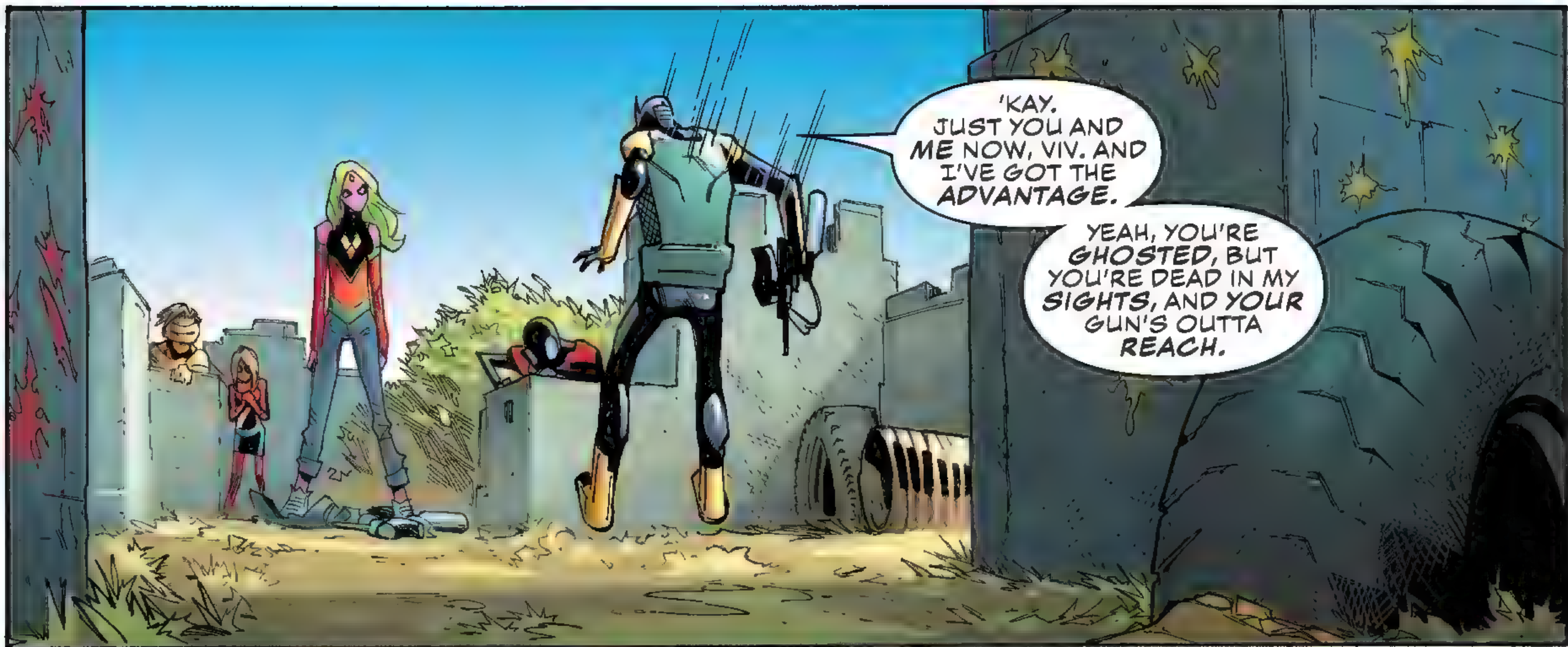
CHFF
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OW!

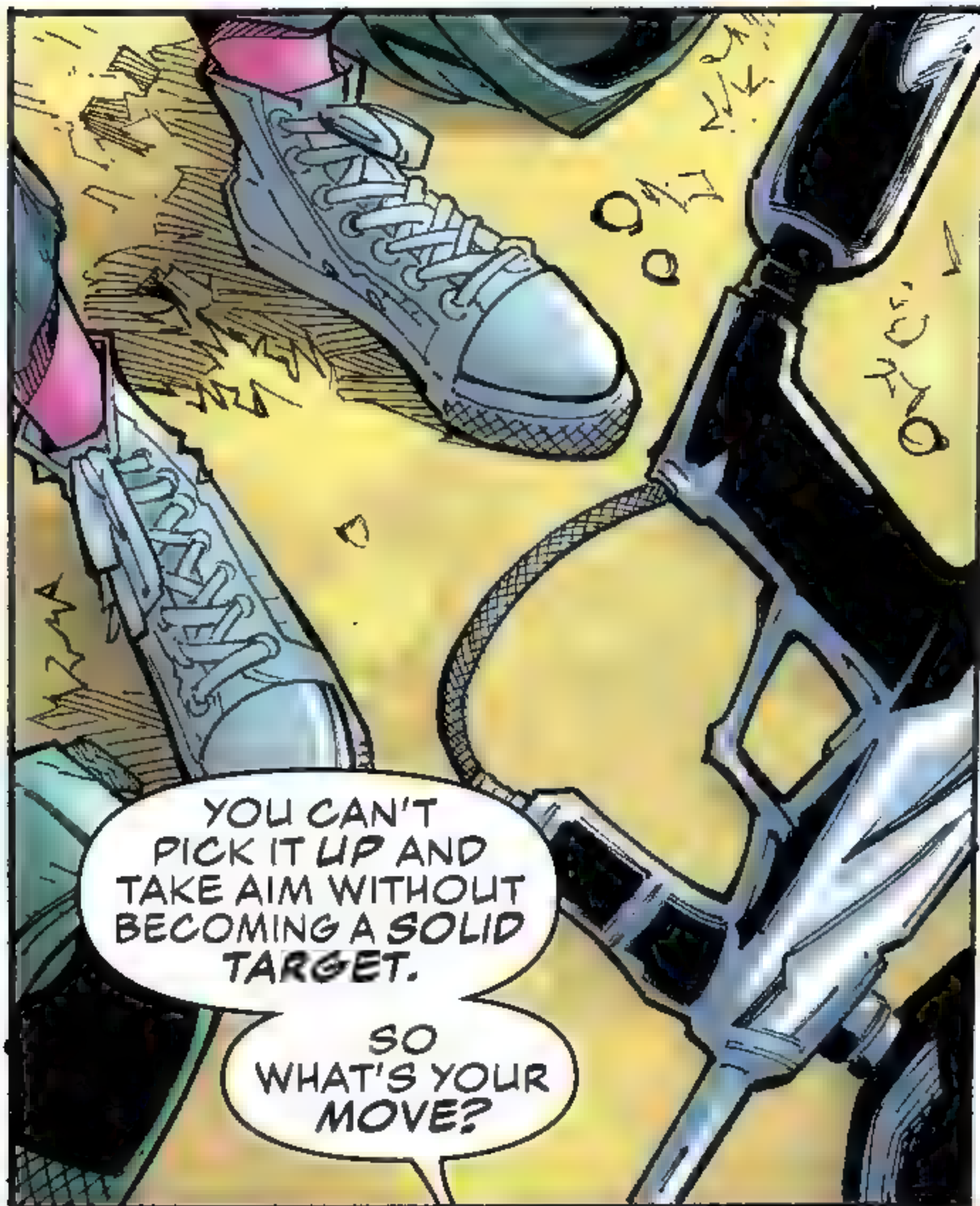
DUDE, YOUR
PERIPHERAL
VISION
SUCKS.

I KNOW
THAT!



'KAY.
JUST YOU AND
ME NOW, VIV. AND
I'VE GOT THE
ADVANTAGE.

YEAH, YOU'RE
GHOSTED, BUT
YOU'RE DEAD IN MY
SIGHTS, AND YOUR
GUN'S OUTTA
REACH.

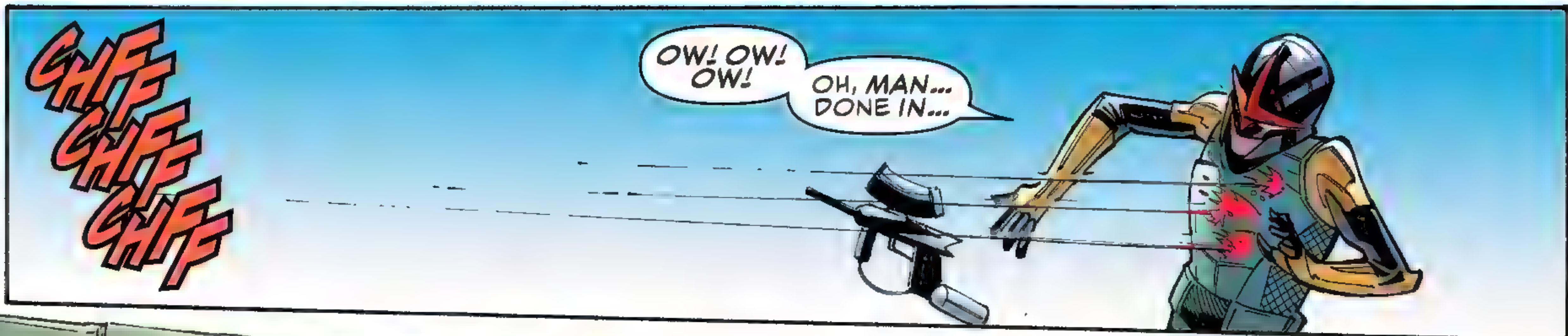


YOU CAN'T
PICK IT UP AND
TAKE AIM WITHOUT
BECOMING A SOLID
TARGET.

SO
WHAT'S YOUR
MOVE?

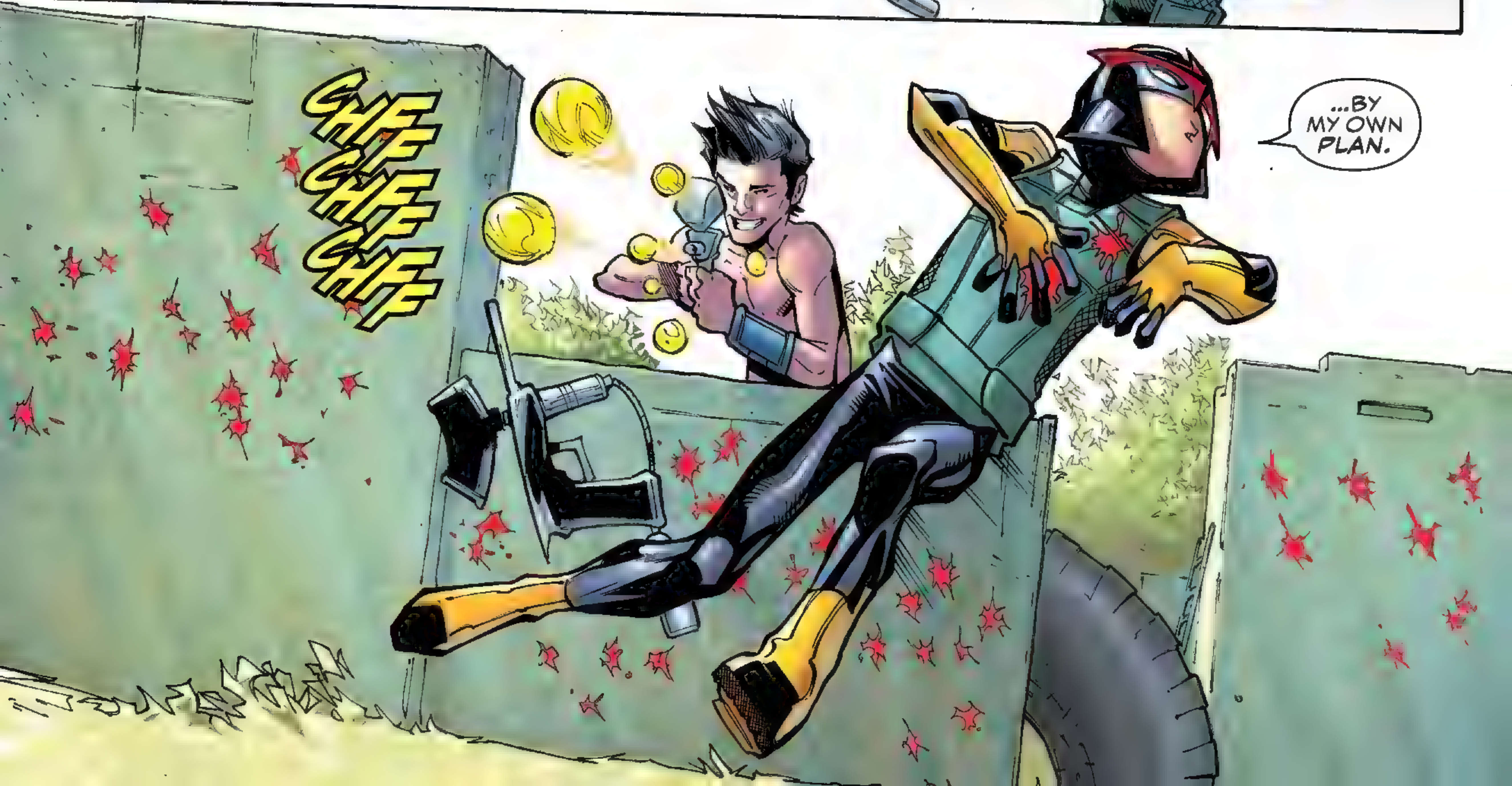


VIV!

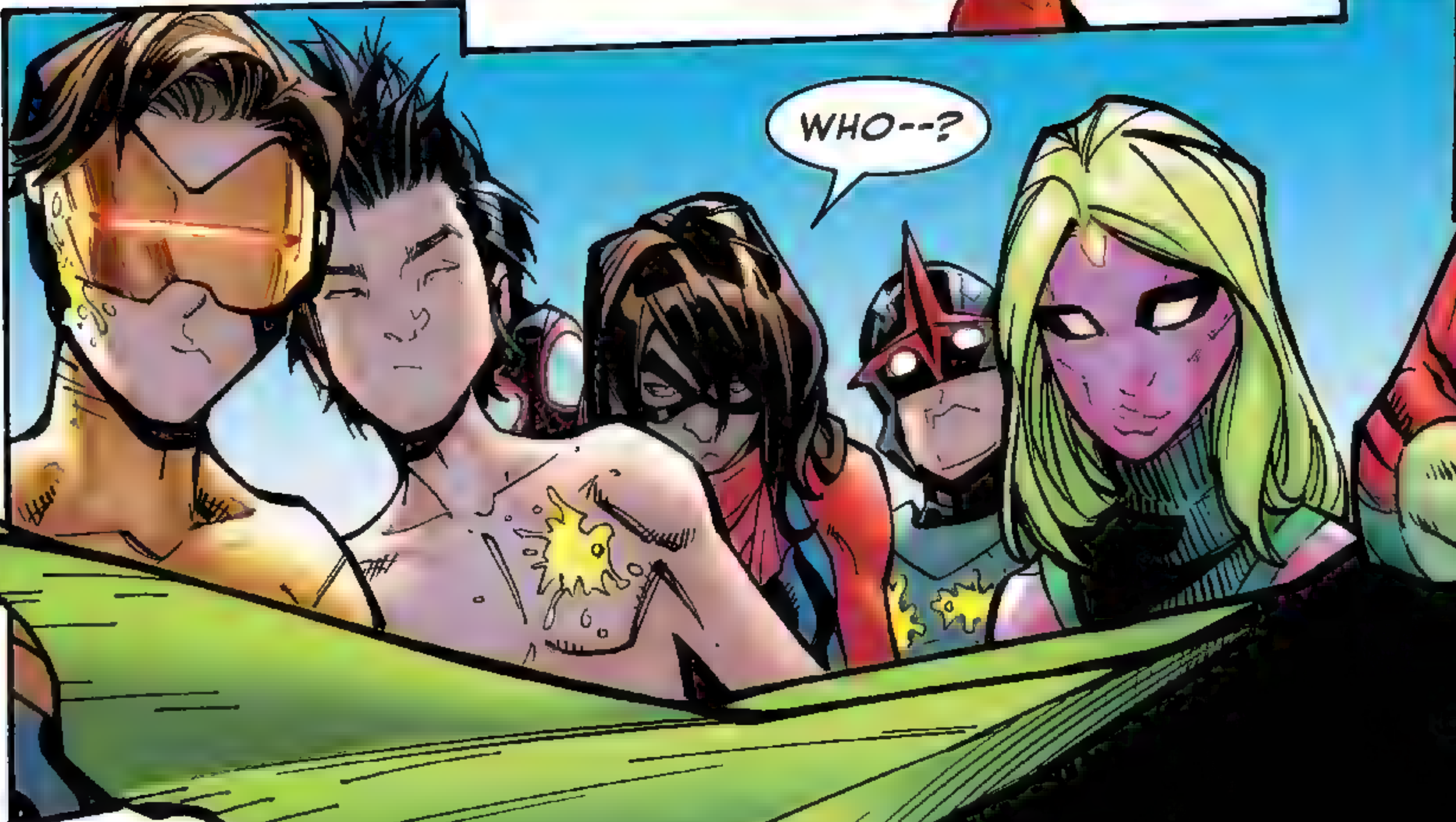
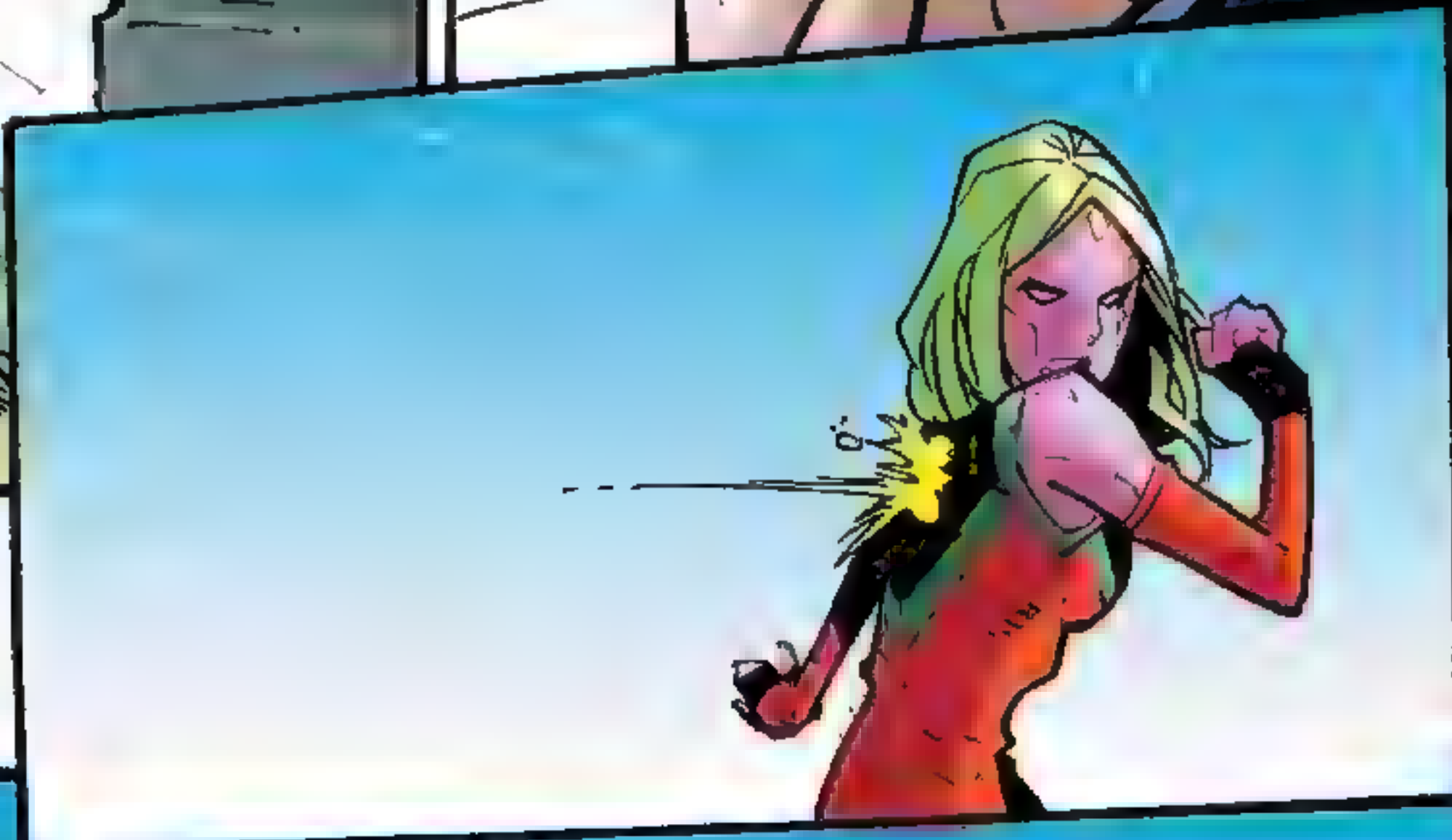
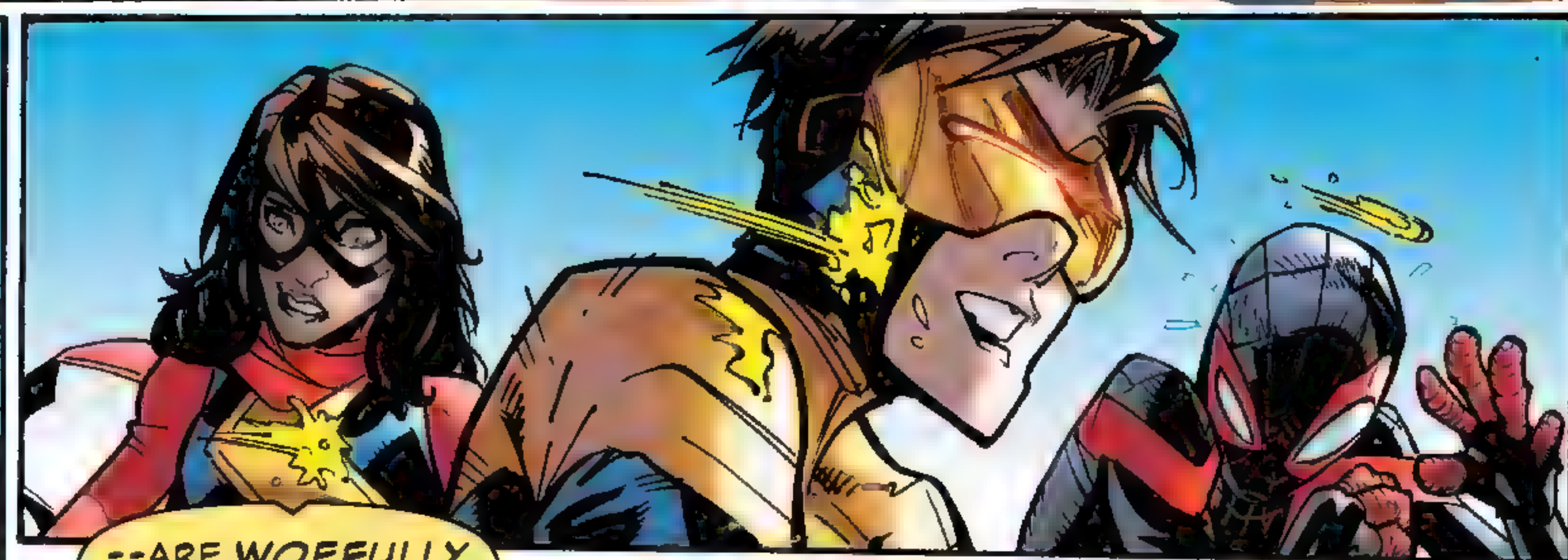


OW! OW!
OW!

OH, MAN...
DONE IN...



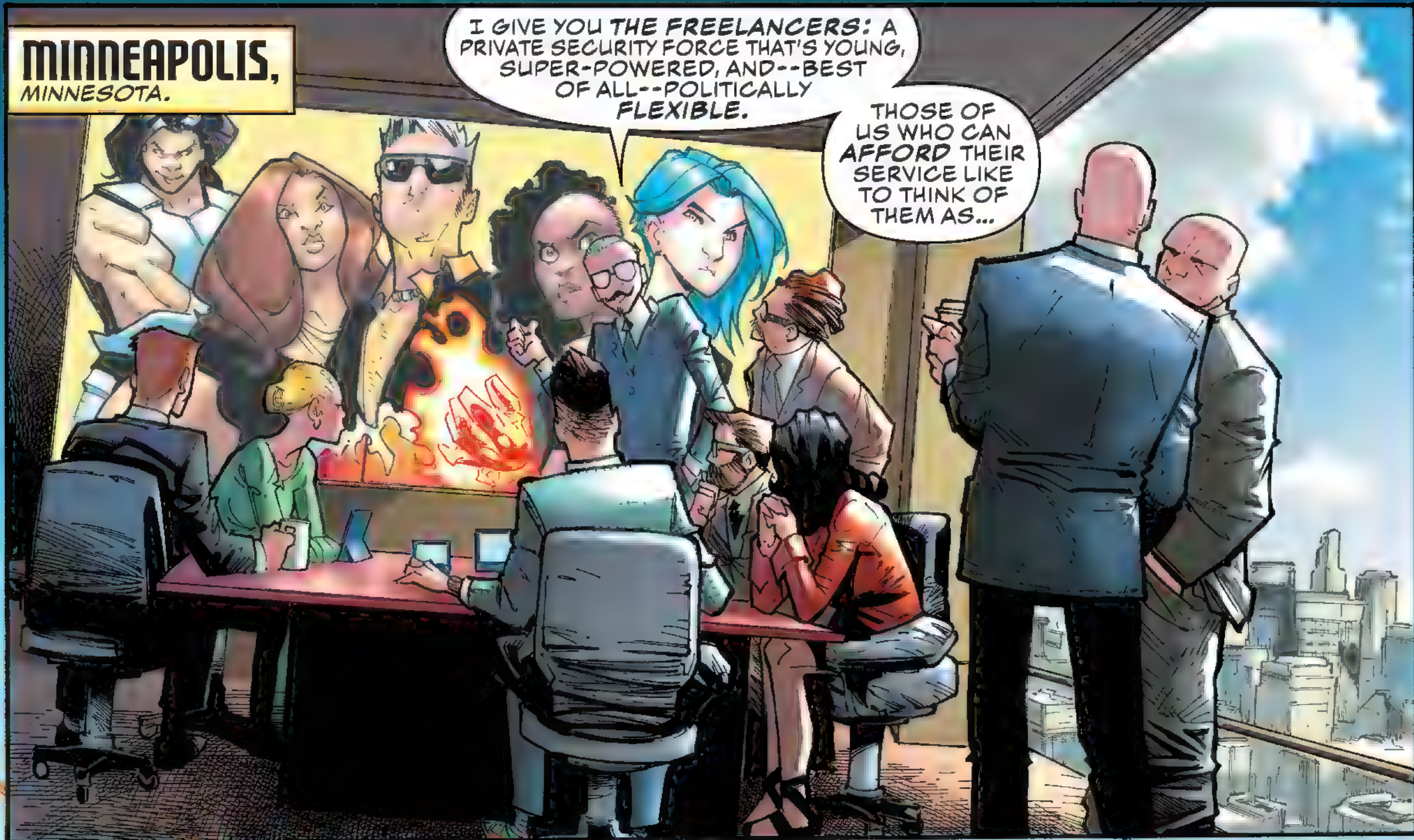
...BY
MY OWN
PLAN.



MINNEAPOLIS,
MINNESOTA.

I GIVE YOU THE FREELANCERS: A
PRIVATE SECURITY FORCE THAT'S YOUNG,
SUPER-POWERED, AND--BEST
OF ALL--POLITICALLY
FLEXIBLE.

THOSE OF
US WHO CAN
AFFORD THEIR
SERVICE LIKE
TO THINK OF
THEM AS...



DURHAM,
NORTH CAROLINA.

"...WELL..."

BIG
BOX
store

WE

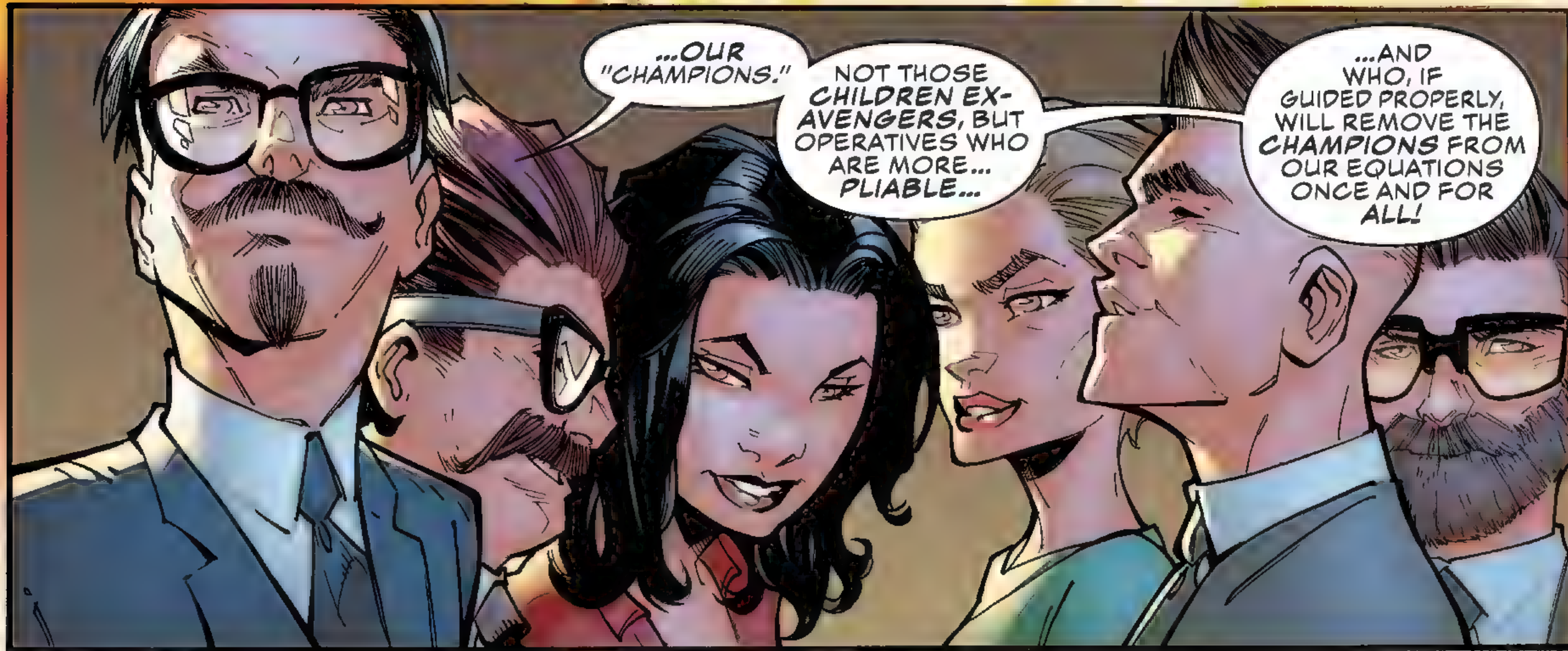
WAGE

WE DEMAND
A LIVING
WAGE

WE DEMAND



LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA.



**FREELANCERS
COMPOUND.**
BRENTWOOD,
CALIFORNIA.



HEY! NO
BOILING! THAT'S
EVERYONE'S
POOL!

WHAT
DO YOU CARE?
YOU'RE TOUGH
ENOUGH.

HOTNESS.
CASS. CUT THE
CRAP AND LISTEN
A MINUTE.

WE NEED TO
PICK OUR NEXT GIG.
DO WE WANT TO GO TO
PENNSYLVANIA OR TO
MINNESOTA?



NEITHER.

WHAT
ARE THE JOBS,
MIGHT?

GUARD A FRACKING OPERATION
AGAINST TREE-HUGGERS IN
RURAL PENNSYLVANIA...

...OR FORCE
SQUATTERS OUT
OF A SLUM AREA SET
FOR DEMOLITION IN
MINNEAPOLIS.

WHICH
ONE PAYS
MORE?



AREN'T YOU
RICH ENOUGH
YET?

AAAAH!



CORK IT.



YOU GONNA BURN ME, TOO?

AWWW. POOR LITTLE SNOWFLAKE.

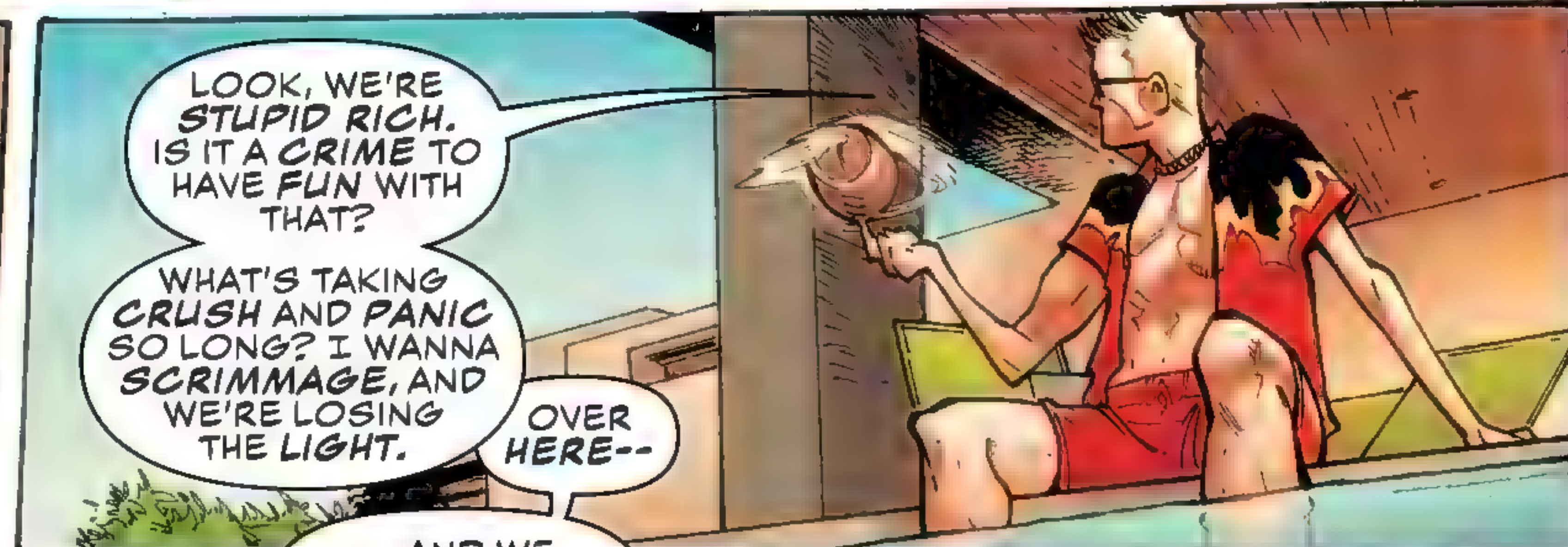
DON'T! SHE'S INDESTRUCTIBLE! IT'S NOT MY FAULT SHE'S JUMPY!

C'MON! GET UP!



SCARED ME HALF TO DEATH, CLOWNSTICK. JUST BECAUSE I CAN'T BE TAKEN OUT DOESN'T MEAN STUFF DOESN'T SURPRISE ME.

ALL RIGHT. SORRY. GEEZ.



LOOK, WE'RE STUPID RICH. IS IT A CRIME TO HAVE FUN WITH THAT?

WHAT'S TAKING CRUSH AND PANIC SO LONG? I WANNA SCRIMMAGE, AND WE'RE LOSING THE LIGHT.

OVER HERE--



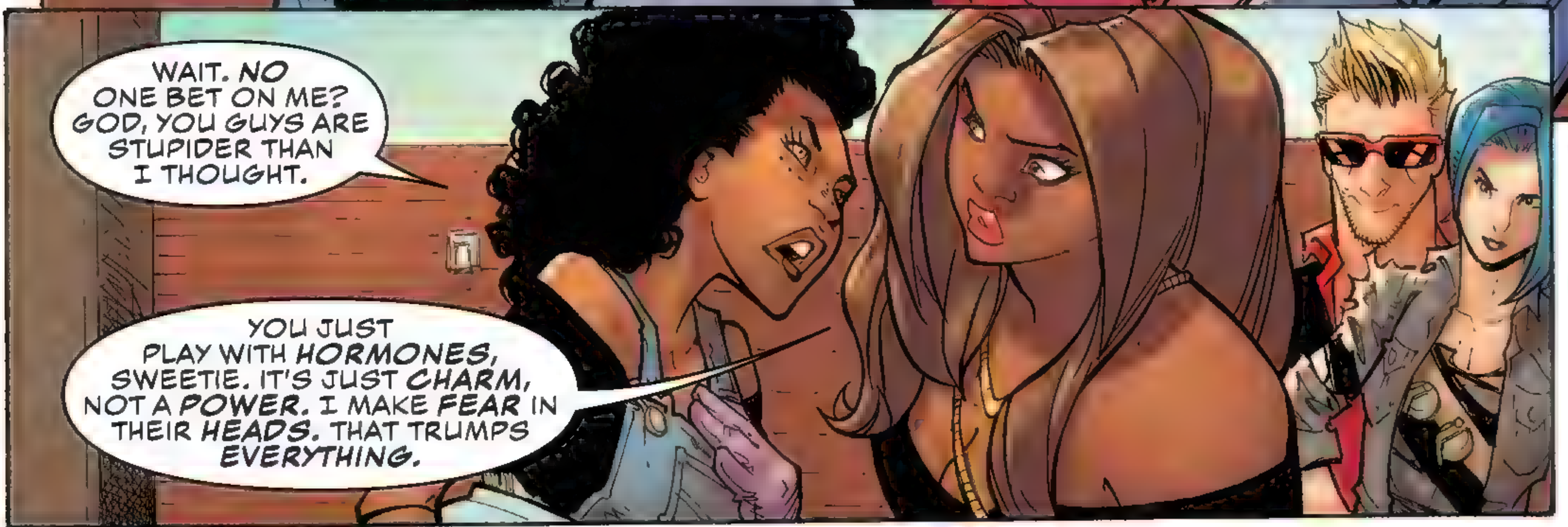
--AND WE BROUGHT SOME NEW FRIENDS.

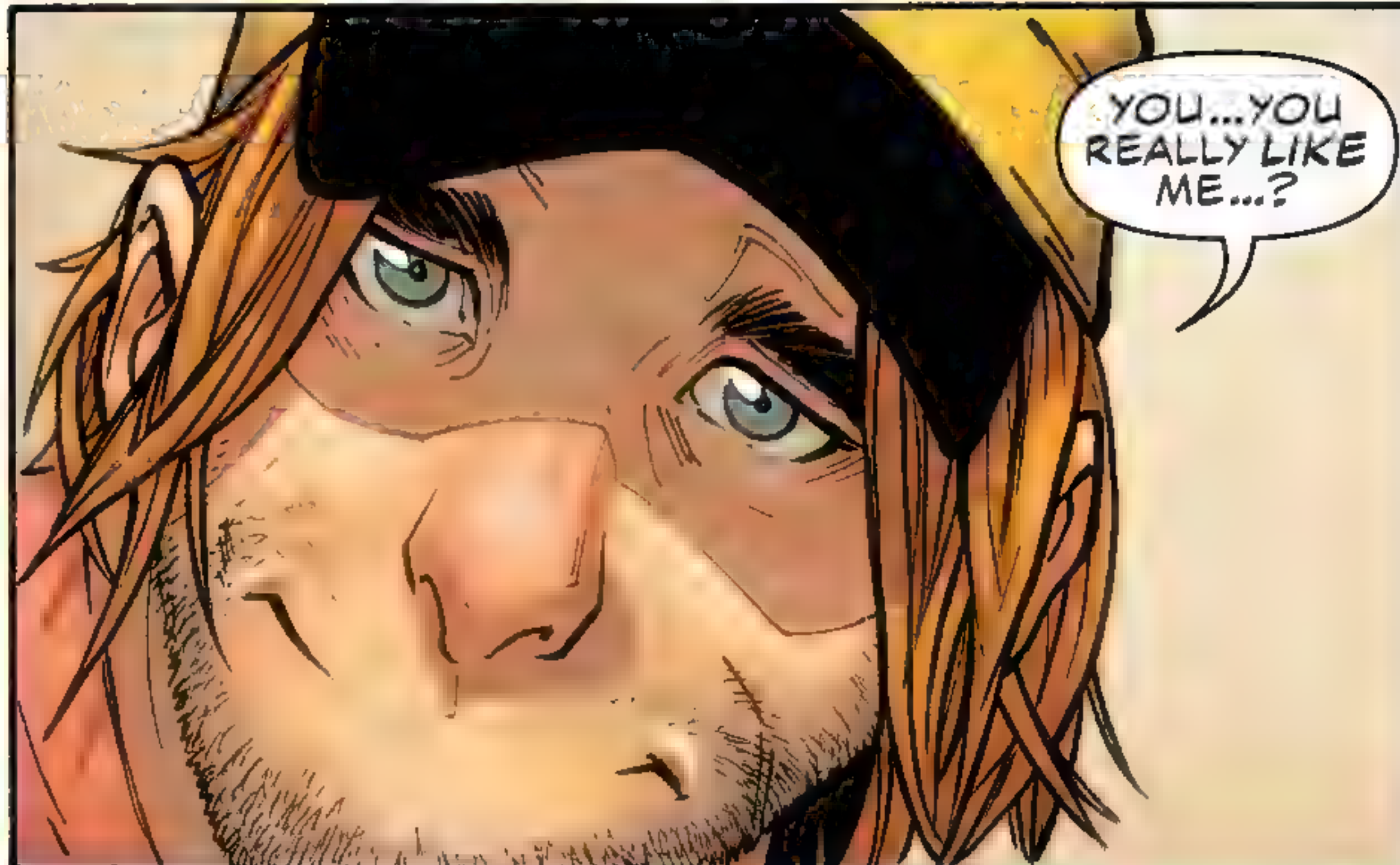
EVERYONE, THIS IS GABE AND ALAN.

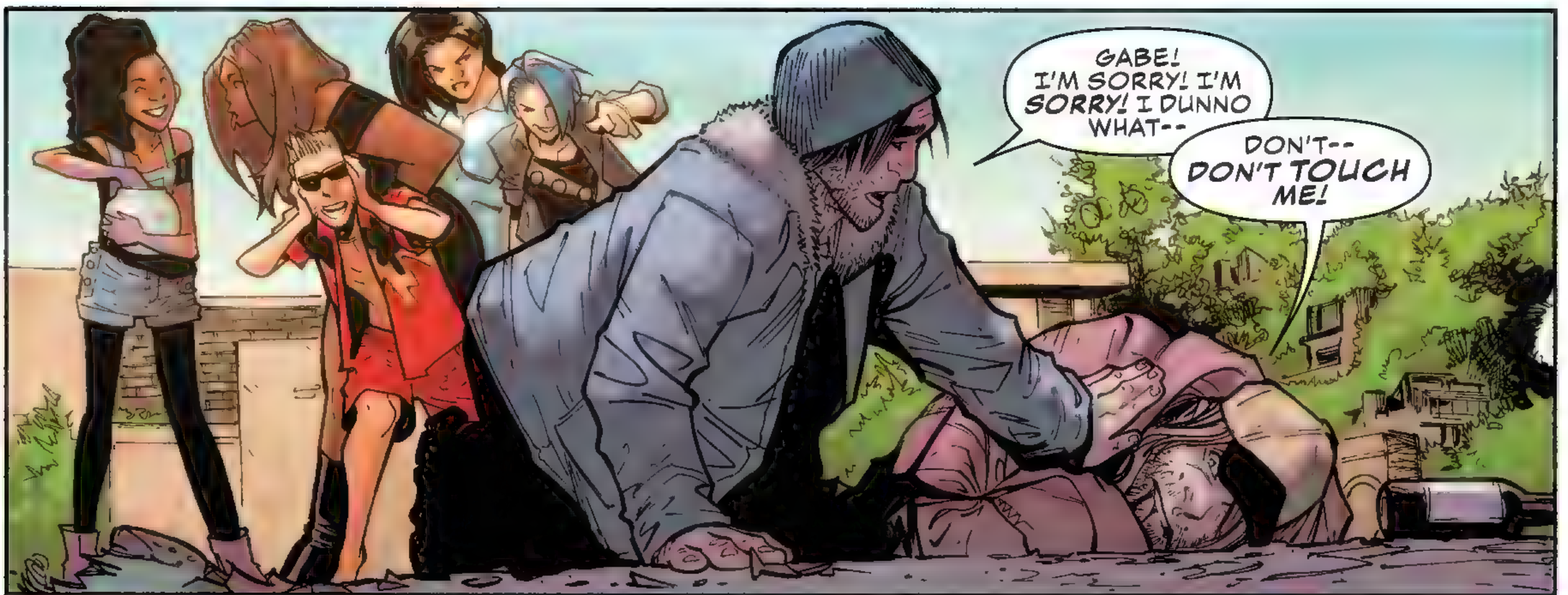
WHAT THE--

OH. OH.







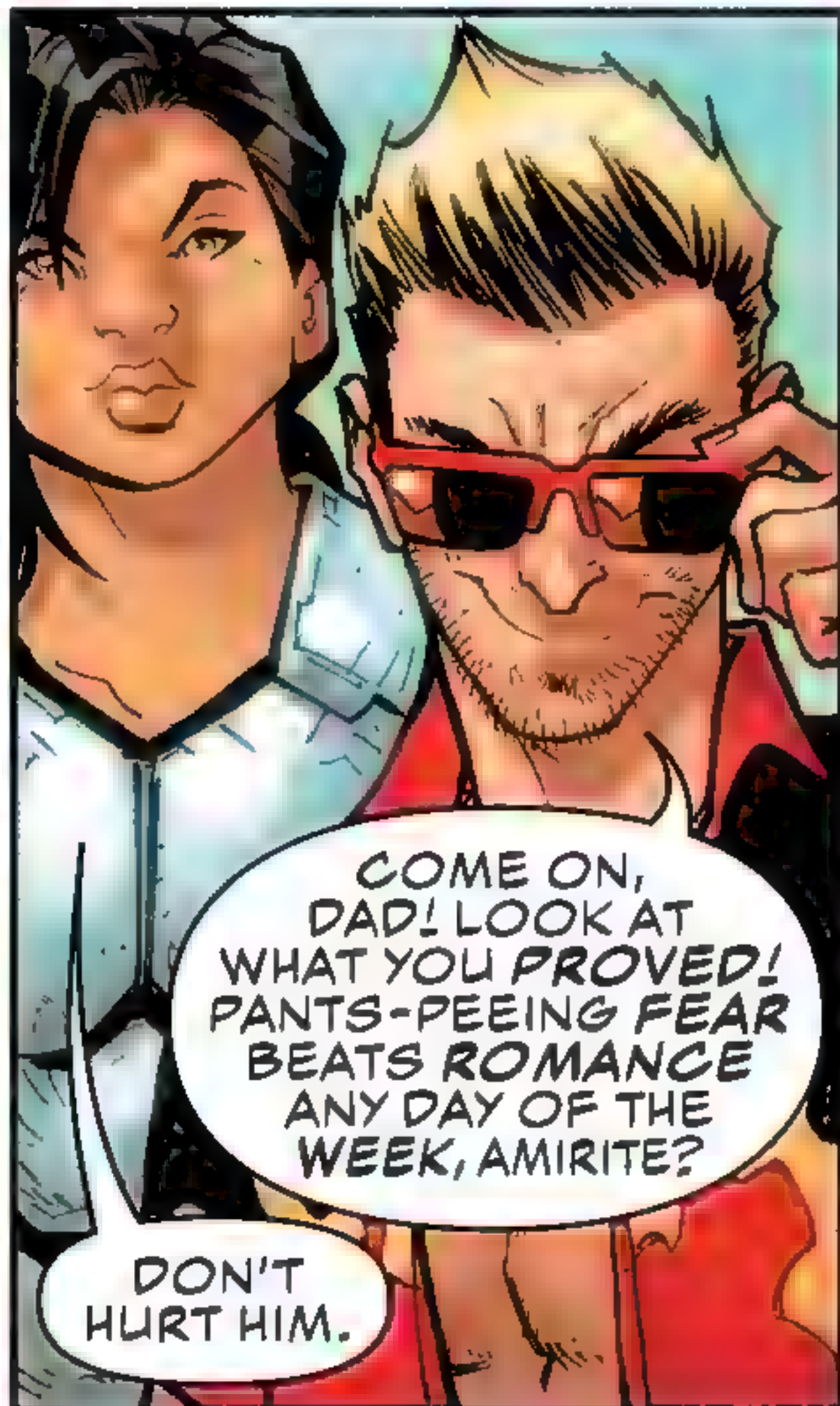


GABE!
I'M SORRY! I'M
SORRY! I DUNNO
WHAT--

DON'T--
DON'T TOUCH
ME!



DID YOU
BET ON WHAT
WE'D DO? LIKE
ANIMALS? IS THAT
WHAT THIS WAS
ALL ABOUT?



COME ON,
DAD! LOOK AT
WHAT YOU PROVED!
PANTS-PEEING FEAR
BEATS ROMANCE
ANY DAY OF THE
WEEK, AMIRITE?

DON'T
HURT HIM.



OH, THAT'S NICE. "DON'T HURT
HIM." WHAT ABOUT MY
FRIEND?

WE'RE
NOT YOUR
PUPPETS!

YOU
KIND OF
ARE, OLD MAN.
DIDN'T WE JUST
SETTLE
THAT?



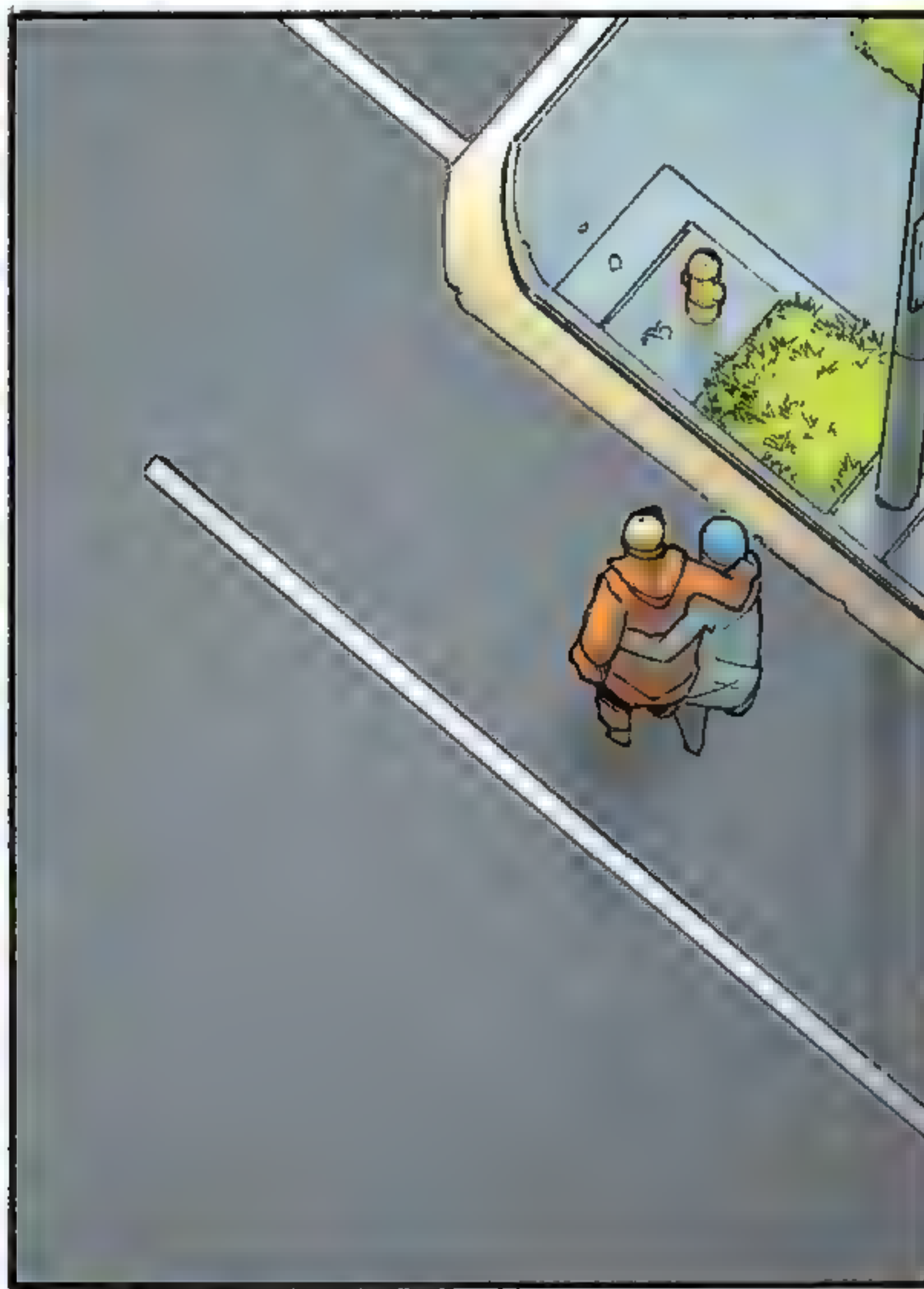
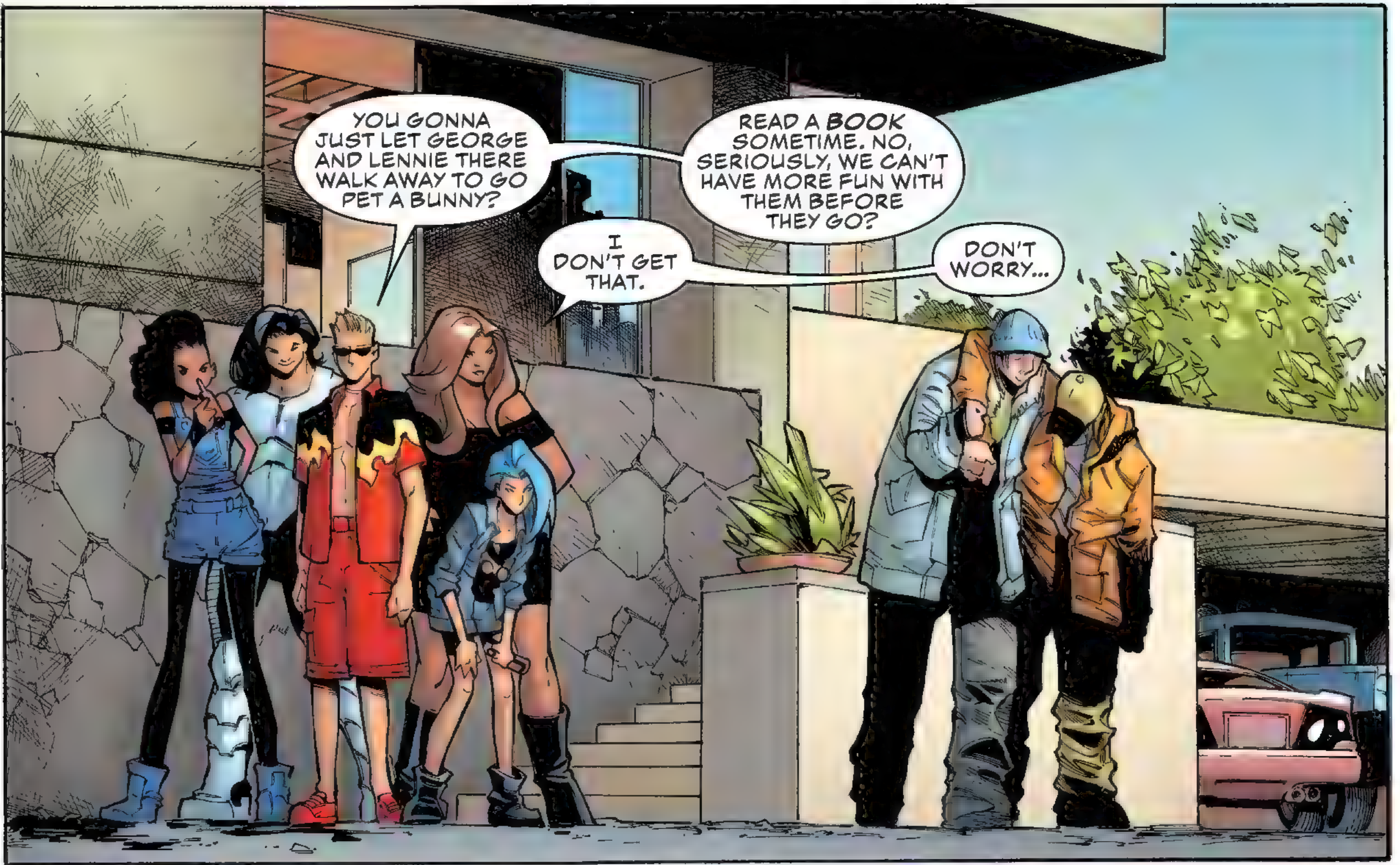
YOU'RE ALL
ASSES! YOU GOT
YOUR YOUTH! AND
YOUR MONEY! AND YOUR
POWERS! AND ALL YOU DO
IS SCREW OVER PEOPLE
WHO HAVE SO MUCH
LESS!

WHY?
WHY?



WE'RE THE
FREELANCERS.

PUNCHING
DOWN IS WHAT
WE DO.



IT WAS THE
CHAMPIONS



NEXT: CLASS WARFARE!

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#7

CHAMPIONS™



RAMOS
delgado

WAID
RAMOS
OLAZABA
DELGADO



@splendomatic_spectre #Champions
fight for the powerless--unless you're
homeless. Then you get a beatdown.

@TheOnly-g00nface I'm
just here literally crying.
#Champions

@justsaynoir_20XX tfw your
heroes turn out fake #Champions

@bobsykeisthebest
#traitors #bullies
#liars #Champions

@DailyBugleRobbie if
the #Champions hurt or
threatened you, come
forward. robrob@bugle.com

@iampoisonsippycup
well this is depressing
#Champions

@future_mr_ms_marvel
2017 I swear #Champions





THESE TWO HOMELESS GENTLEMEN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SAY YOU IMPRISONED, ASSAULTED AND MENTALLY TORTURED THEM.

THAT'S ABSURD! WHY WOULD WE--

AMADEUS, PLEASE. LET'S GET THROUGH THIS WITHOUT GETTING ALL HULKY, 'KAY?



WE WEREN'T IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE WERE HERE, IN JERSEY--

--PLAYING PAINTBALL.

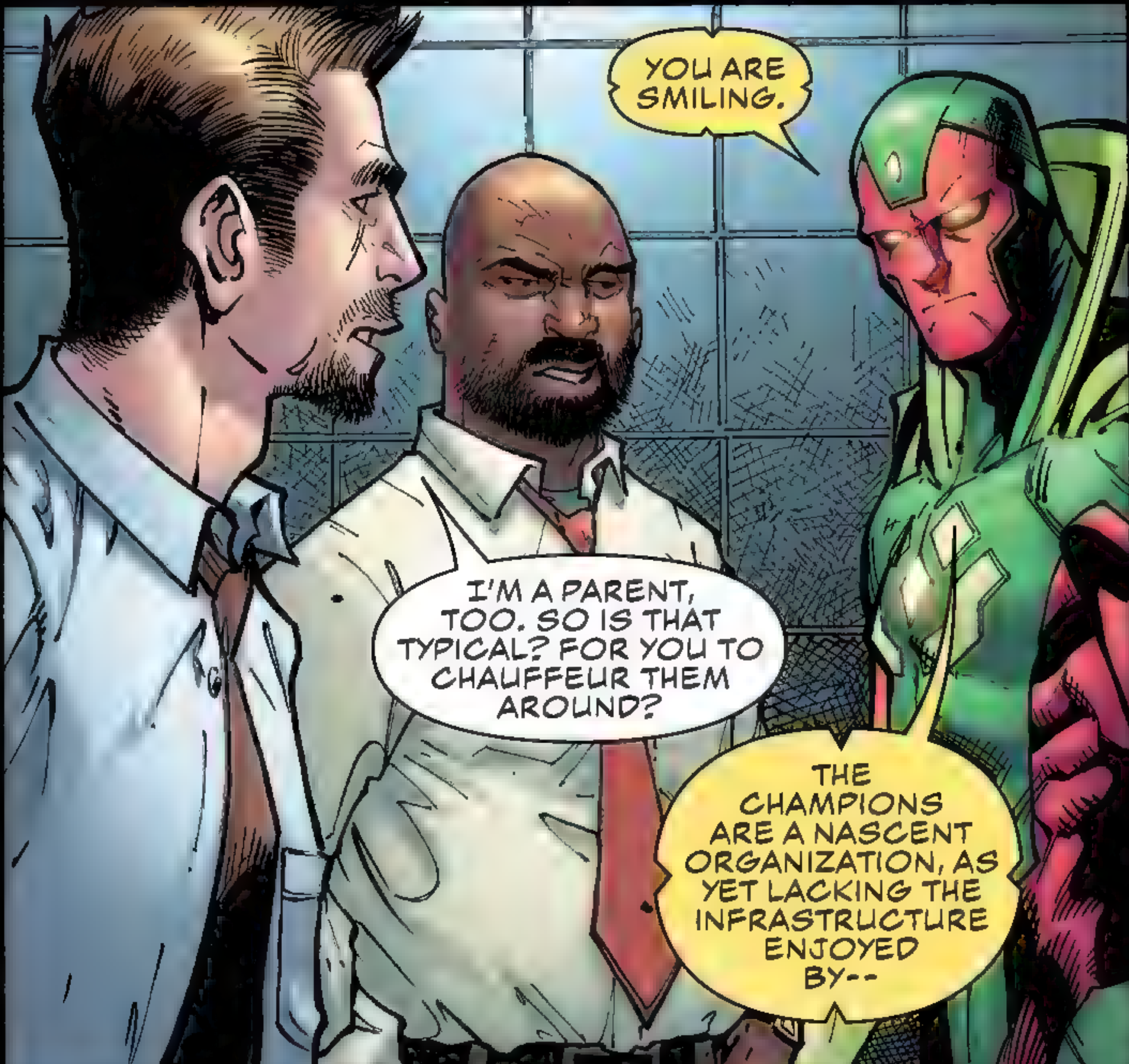
DID ANYONE SEE YOU?



I DID.

MR. VISION, YOU ARRIVED AT THE PAINTBALL PARK IN AN AVENGERS QUINJET?

TO OFFER TRANSPORT TO MY DAUGHTER AND HER FRIENDS. THAT IS CORRECT.



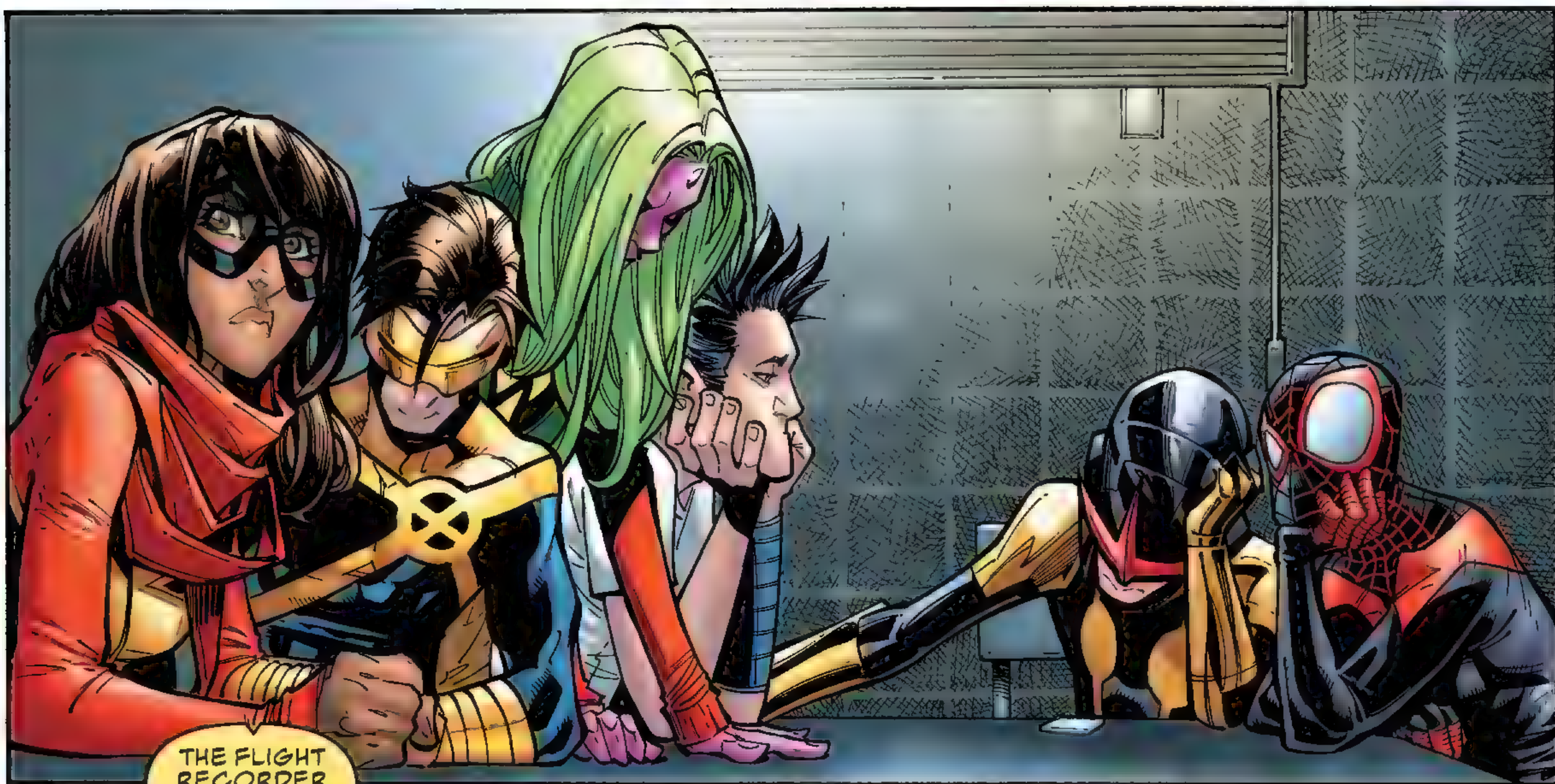
YOU ARE SMILING.

I'M A PARENT, TOO. SO IS THAT TYPICAL? FOR YOU TO CHAUFFEUR THEM AROUND?

THE CHAMPIONS ARE A NASCENT ORGANIZATION, AS YET LACKING THE INFRASTRUCTURE ENJOYED BY--



AND HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE FOR THAT AIRSHIP TO GET FROM NEW JERSEY TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?



THERE WERE A HUNDRED POINTS OF COUNTERDATA I COULD HAVE FED THEM, VIV. I AM THE SMARTEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

I BELIEVE YOU CURRENTLY RANK NUMBER EIGHT.

I'M ROUNDING UP.

AIMS FOR JUSTICE
JUSTICE
HIT THE HOMELESS

THEY CAN'T PROSECUTE OFF AN ACCUSATION, AND THAT'S ALL THEY HAVE.

YEAH, BUT THE ONLY COURT THAT MATTERS THINKS WE DESERVE LETHAL INJECTION.

WE'RE NOT HERE TO PLAY COPS AND ROBBERS. WE'RE A MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE. THE CHAMPIONS MEAN NOTHING UNLESS PEOPLE BELIEVE ALONG WITH US.

SO LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I MEAN, SOMEBODY BEAT THOSE GUYS UP.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

LET'S START SHERLOCKING WHO THEY ARE.

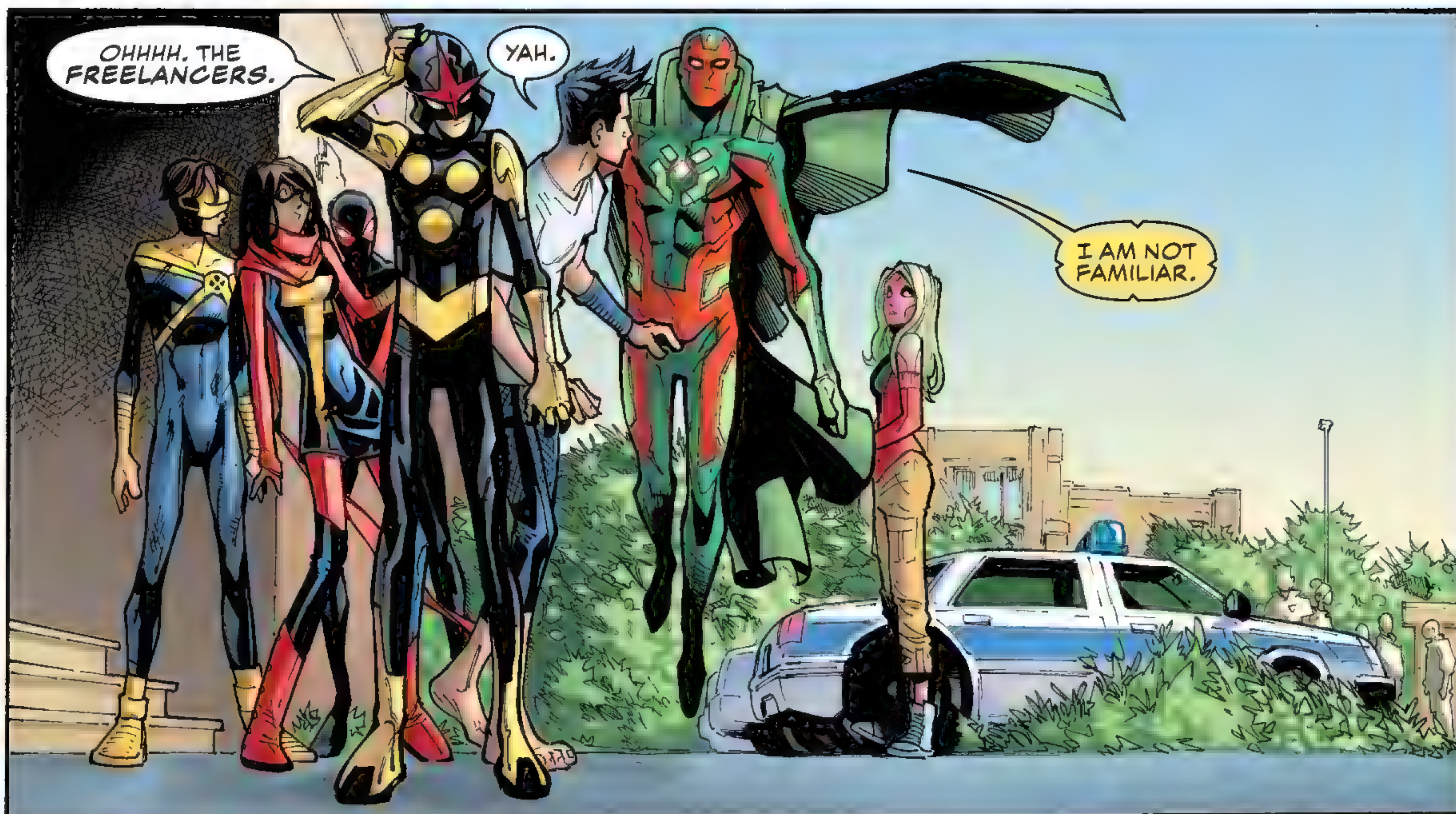
YEAH. WE NEED TO ACT ON--

I MEAN, HOW CAN YOU NOT ALREADY KNOW?

CALIFORNIA? SUPER-TEAM? OF SADISTS?

SLOUGH IT OFF. THAT'S THE INTERNET. IT'S A HATE MACHINE.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WE'VE TRIED TO INSPIRE. AND IT WAS WORKING 'TIL NOW.



OHhhh. THE FREELANCERS.

YAH.

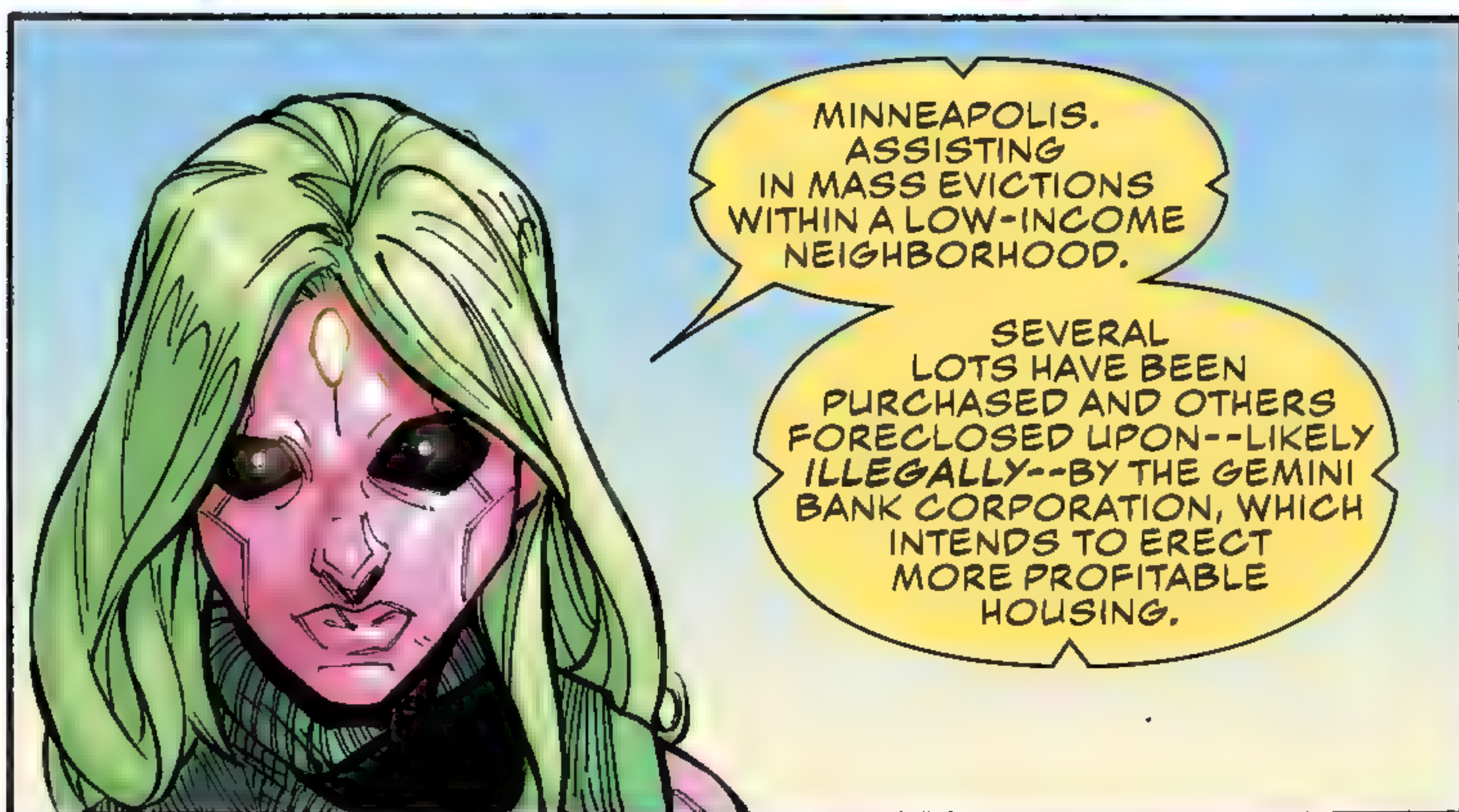
I AM NOT FAMILIAR.



MERCENARY OUTFIT. THEY SPECIALIZE IN PUNCHING DOWN.

GOT A BEEF WITH THE WEAK, POOR OR WOKE? CALL THE FREELANCERS!

VIV, HIT THE WEB. SEE IF YOU CAN LEARN WHERE THEY ARE AT THE MOMENT.



MINNEAPOLIS. ASSISTING IN MASS EVICTIONS WITHIN A LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOOD.

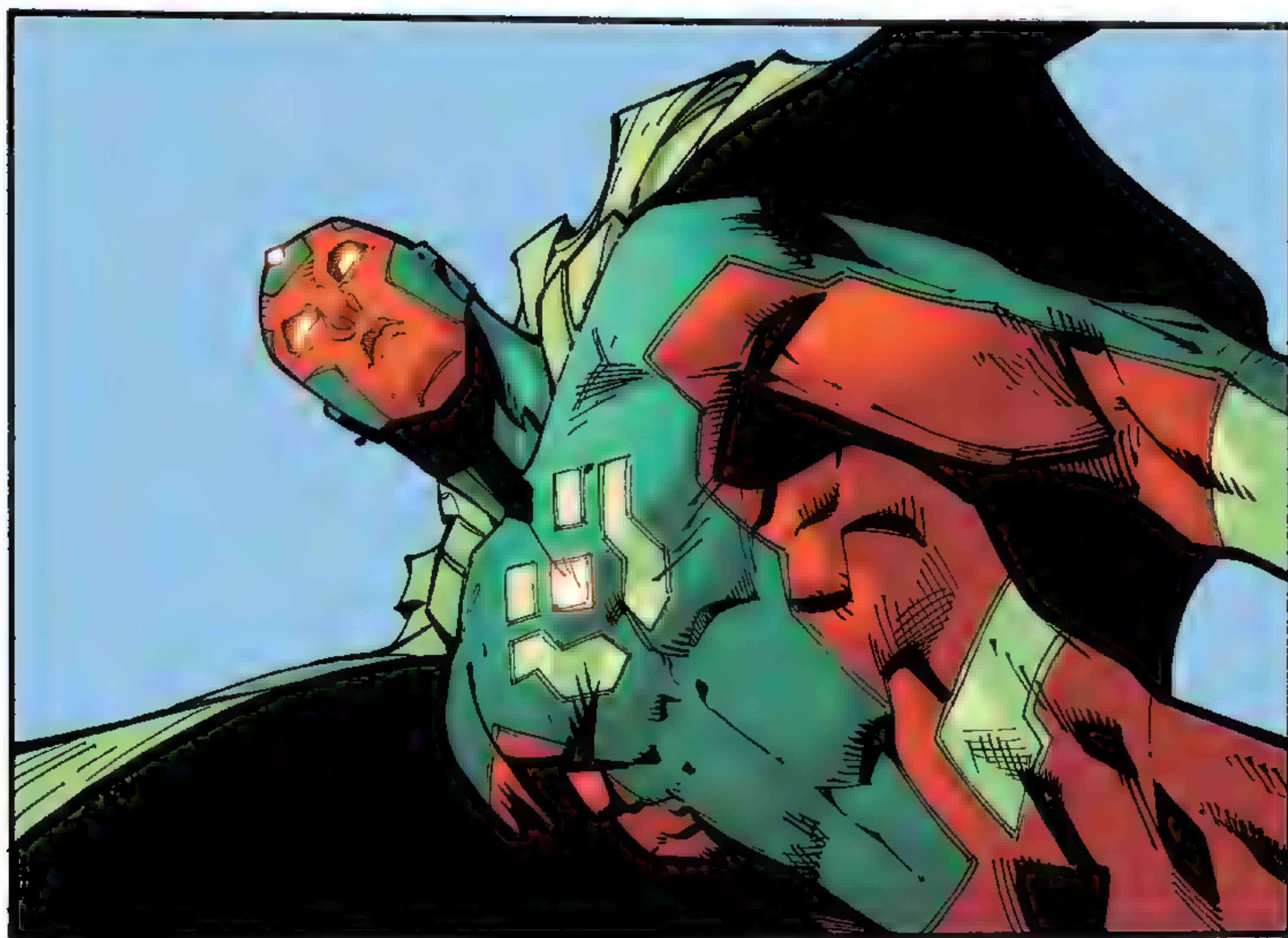
SEVERAL LOTS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED AND OTHERS FORECLOSED UPON--LIKELY ILLEGALLY--BY THE GEMINI BANK CORPORATION, WHICH INTENDS TO ERECT MORE PROFITABLE HOUSING.

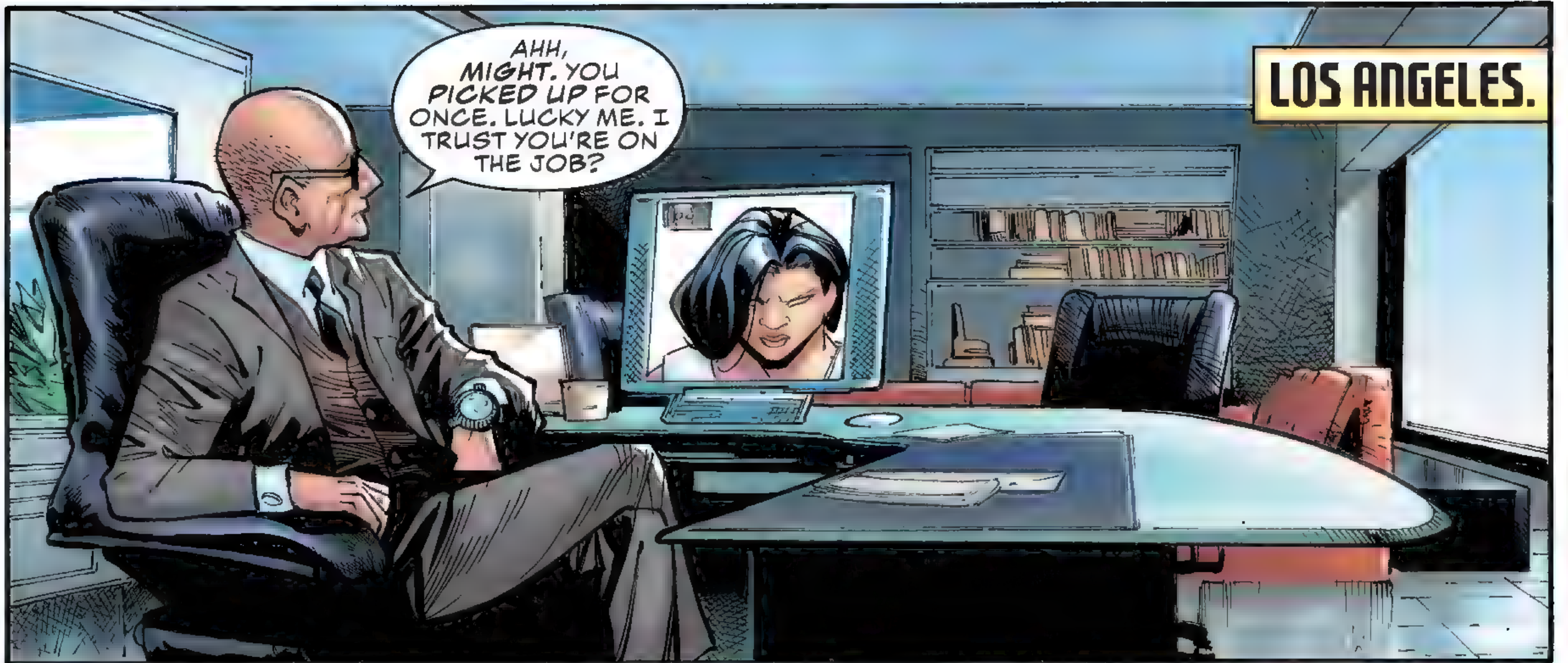


YOU'RE SAYING THE FREELANCERS ARE KICKING THE POOR OUT OF THEIR HOMES SO THE RICH CAN HAVE THEM.

THAT IS ONE ASSESSMENT.

YOU MEAN THERE'S MORE?





LOS ANGELES.



MINNEAPOLIS.

LEWIS BREWER. IF THIS IS A CHECK-UP CALL, OUR CLIENTS ARE GETTING WHAT THEY'RE PAYING FOR. CURSED CASS IS MAKING SURE OF THAT.



I'D RETHINK THAT. TELL ME THERE'S NO ONE ELSE INSIDE.

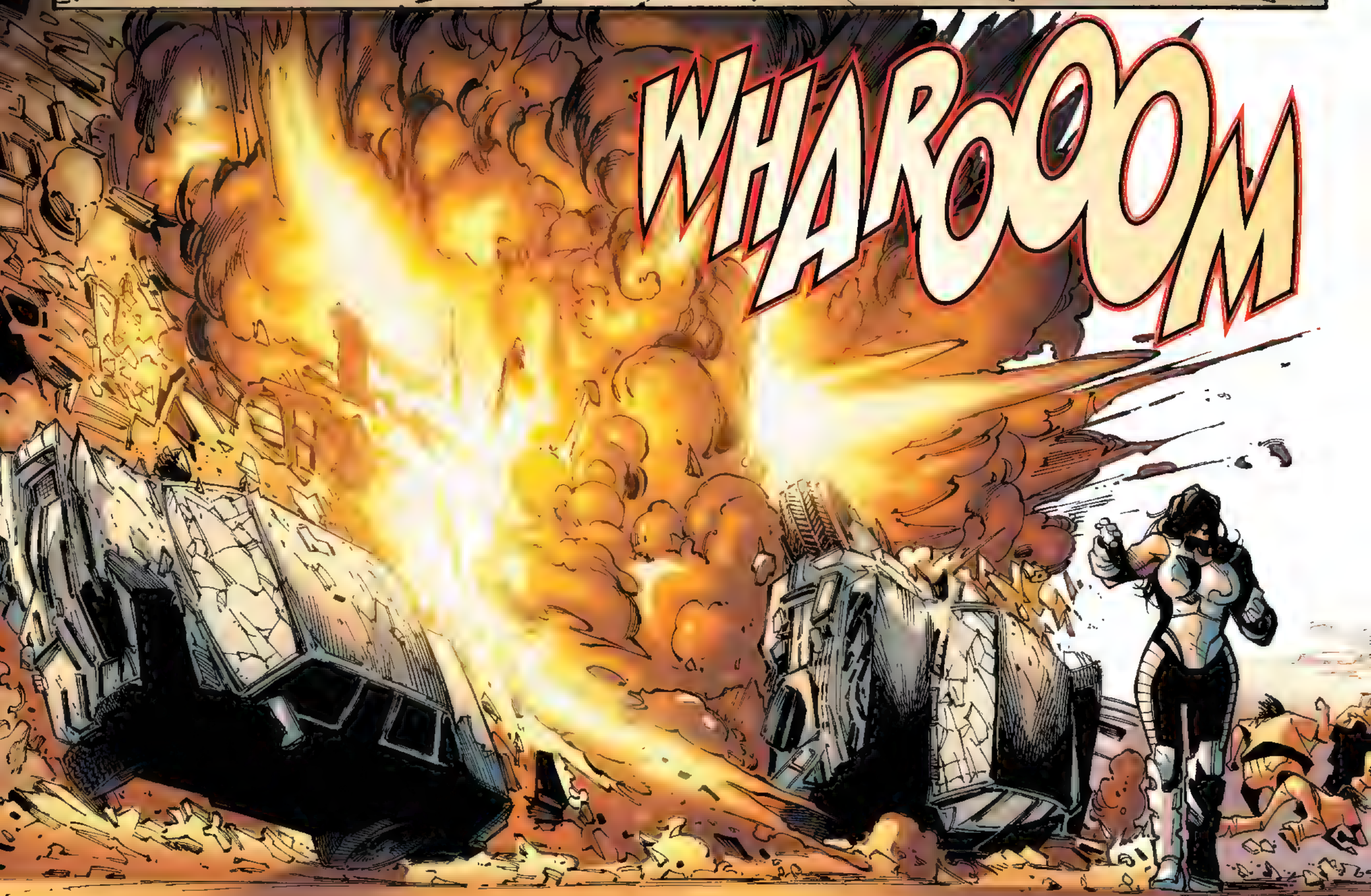
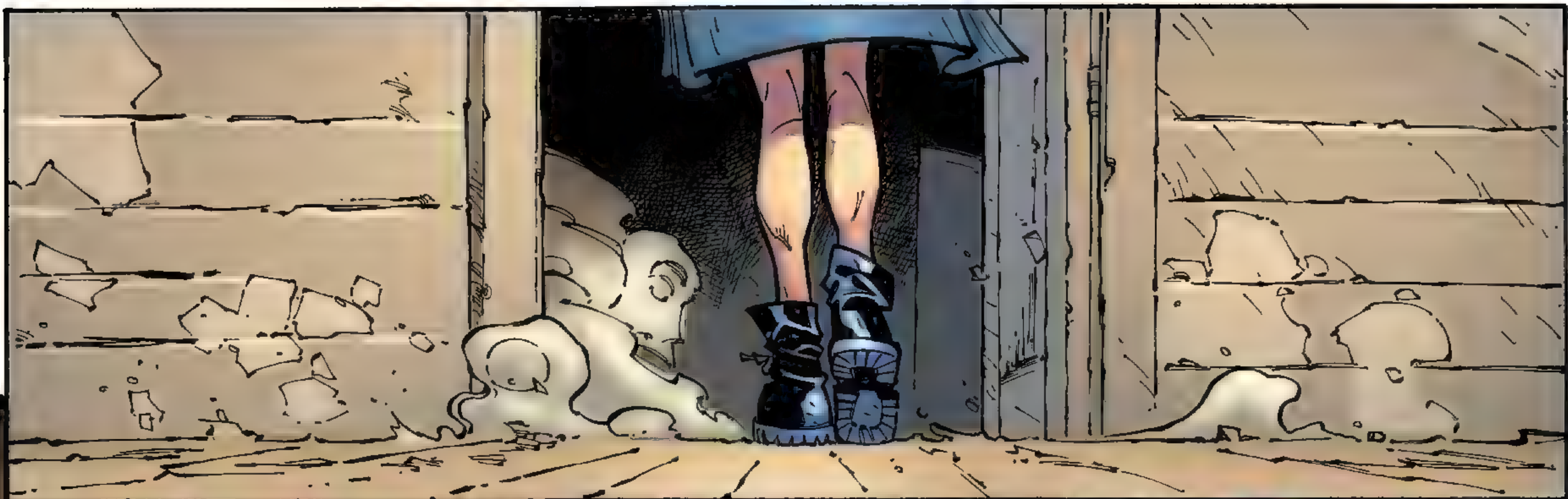


GOOD.

GET OUT OF HERE!

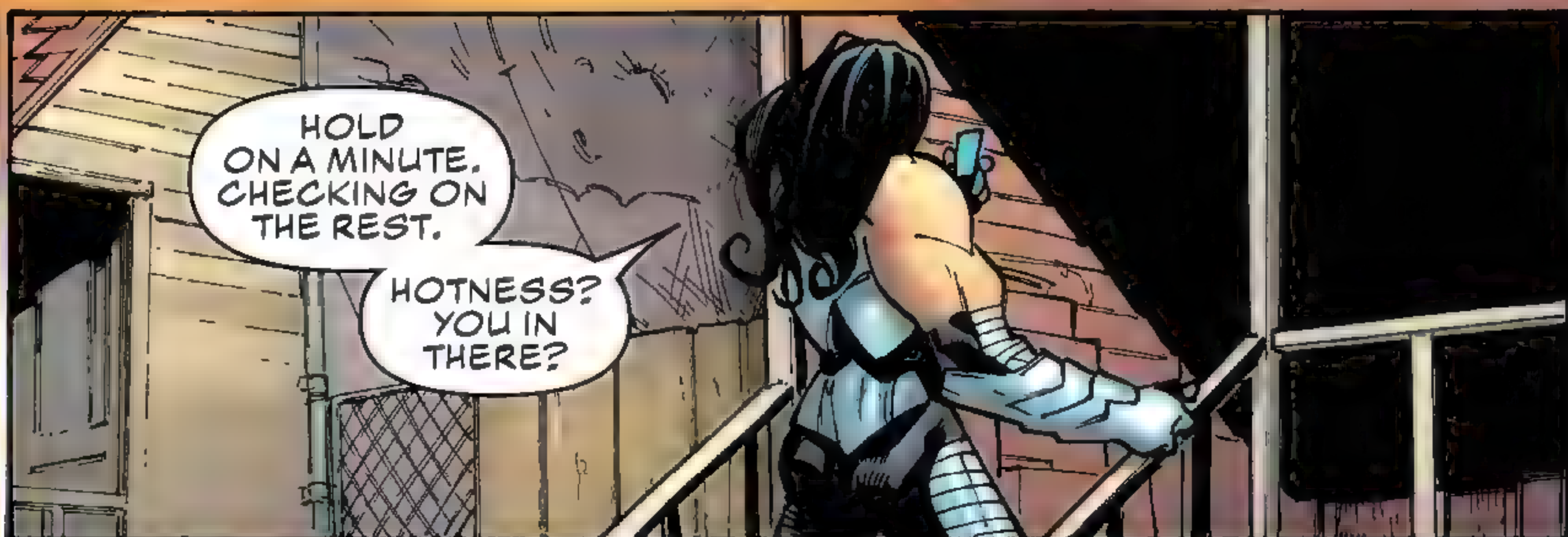
WOMAN'S CRAZY!

TICK... TICK... TICK...



HEAR THAT? WE'RE ON THE JOB.

GOOD. I LOVE THAT LITTLE YELP CASS MAKES WHEN HER BOMBS GO OFF, EVEN THOUGH SHE KNOWS THEY CAN'T HURT HER.



HOLD ON A MINUTE. CHECKING ON THE REST.

HOTNESS? YOU IN THERE?



LOOK AT THIS DUMP. I'M DOING YOU A FAVOR. THIS PLACE IS A FIRE HAZARD. NOW GET LOST.



NOW SHOW ME PANIC. I LOVE IT WHEN SHE MAKES PEOPLE BROWN THEIR PANTS.

QUIT TALKING LIKE WE WORK FOR YOU, LEWIS.



I'M PAINFULLY AWARE THAT IT'S I WHO WORK FOR YOU, MIGHT. AN ARRANGEMENT THAT'S TAUGHT ME A GREAT DEAL ABOUT FUTILITY.

OR DID BEATING UP ON HELPLESS BUMS BRING IN MONEY I DON'T KNOW ABOUT?

WE'RE NOT MACHINES, LEWIS. WE NEED TO UNWIND. BESIDES, WE HAVE PATSIES TO TAKE THE BLAME.

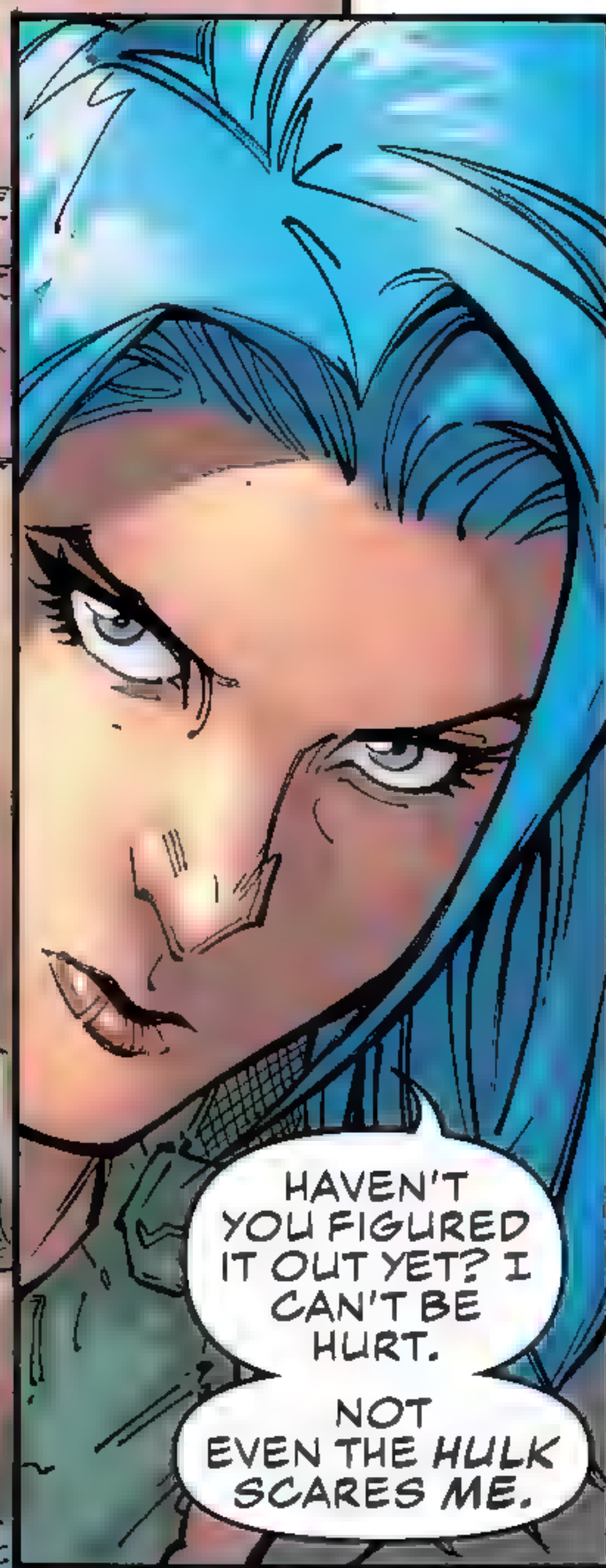
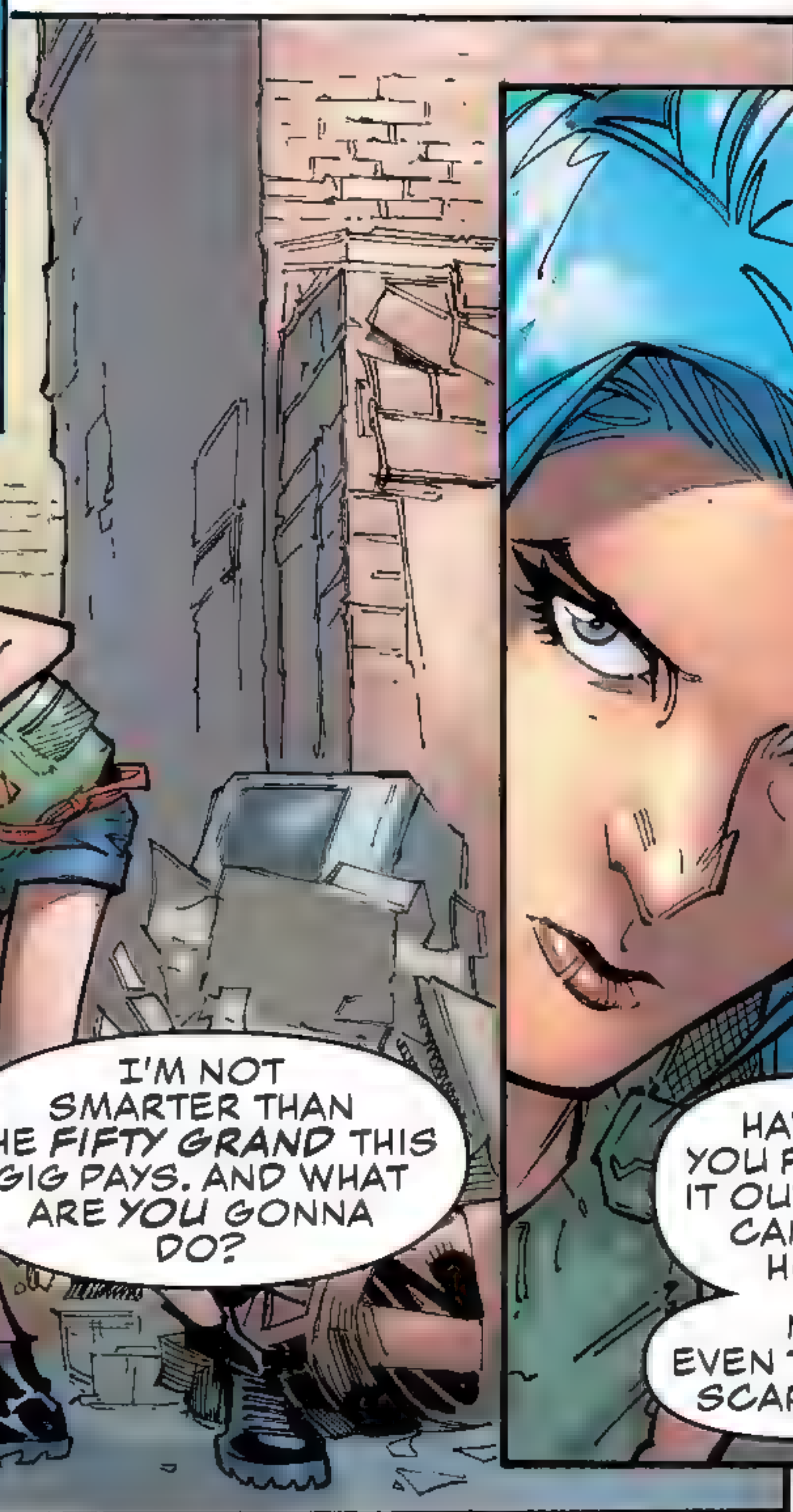
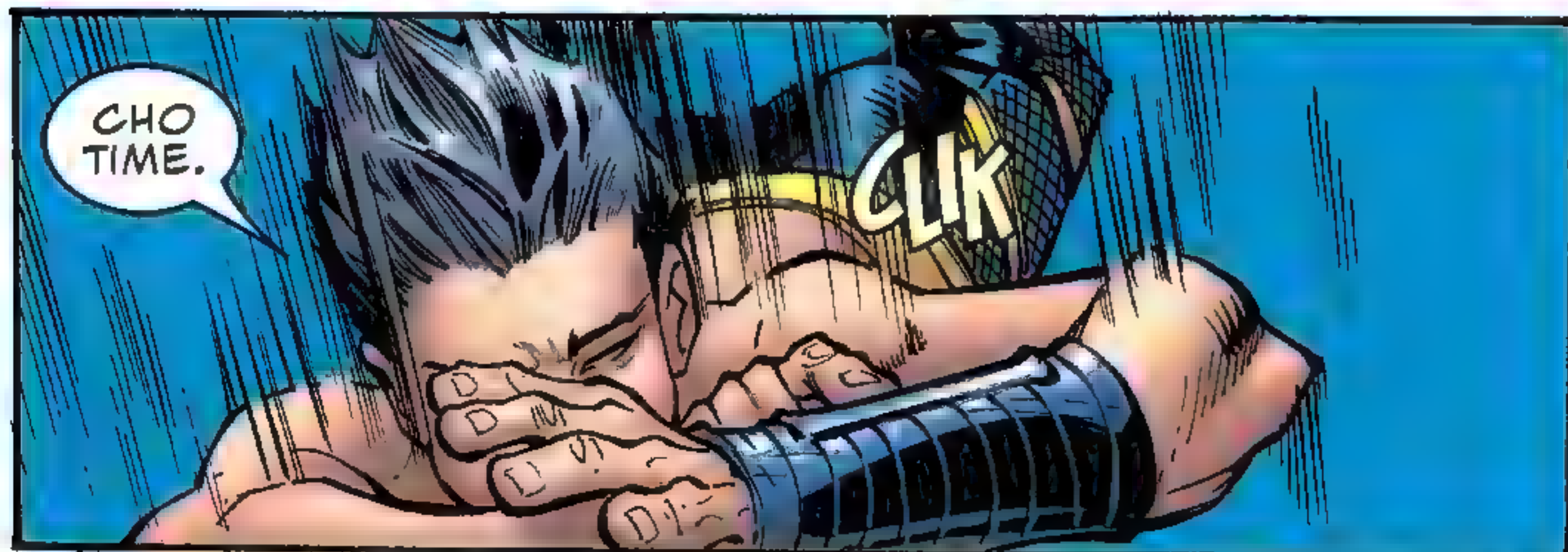
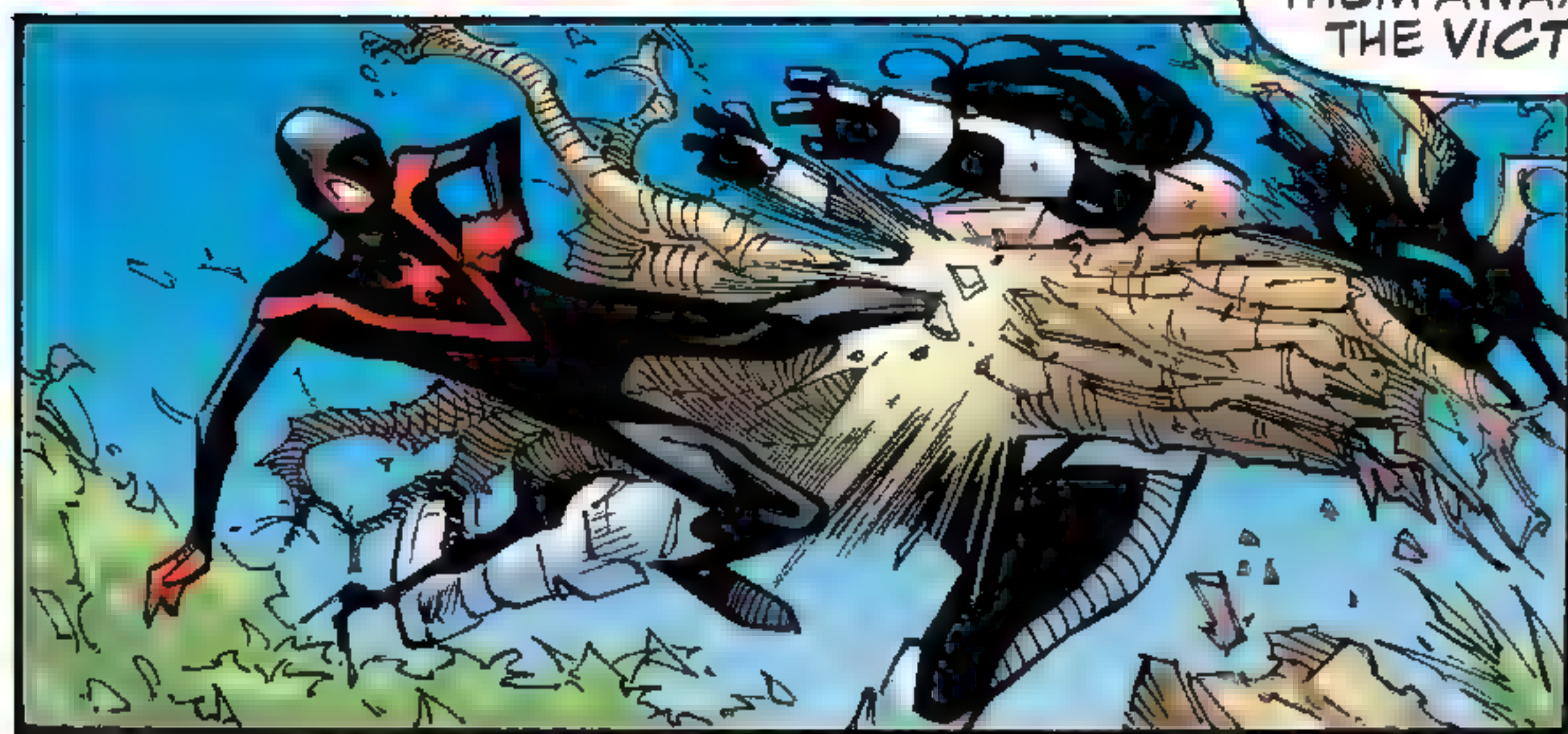


DID YOU DO THE OTHER THING?



AND THE DISPLAY SIGN?







HE SHOULD.



AWW. GROUP HUG. I LOVE YOU GUYS.

I WILL BLAST YOU INTO BLOODY PIECES.

GO ON, CURSED CASS. BLAST AWAY. WE DON'T CARE. VIV'S DIAMOND-DENSE AND I'M JUST A THRILL JUNKIE.

KRAAK



SO WHAT'S YOUR NEXT PLAY?

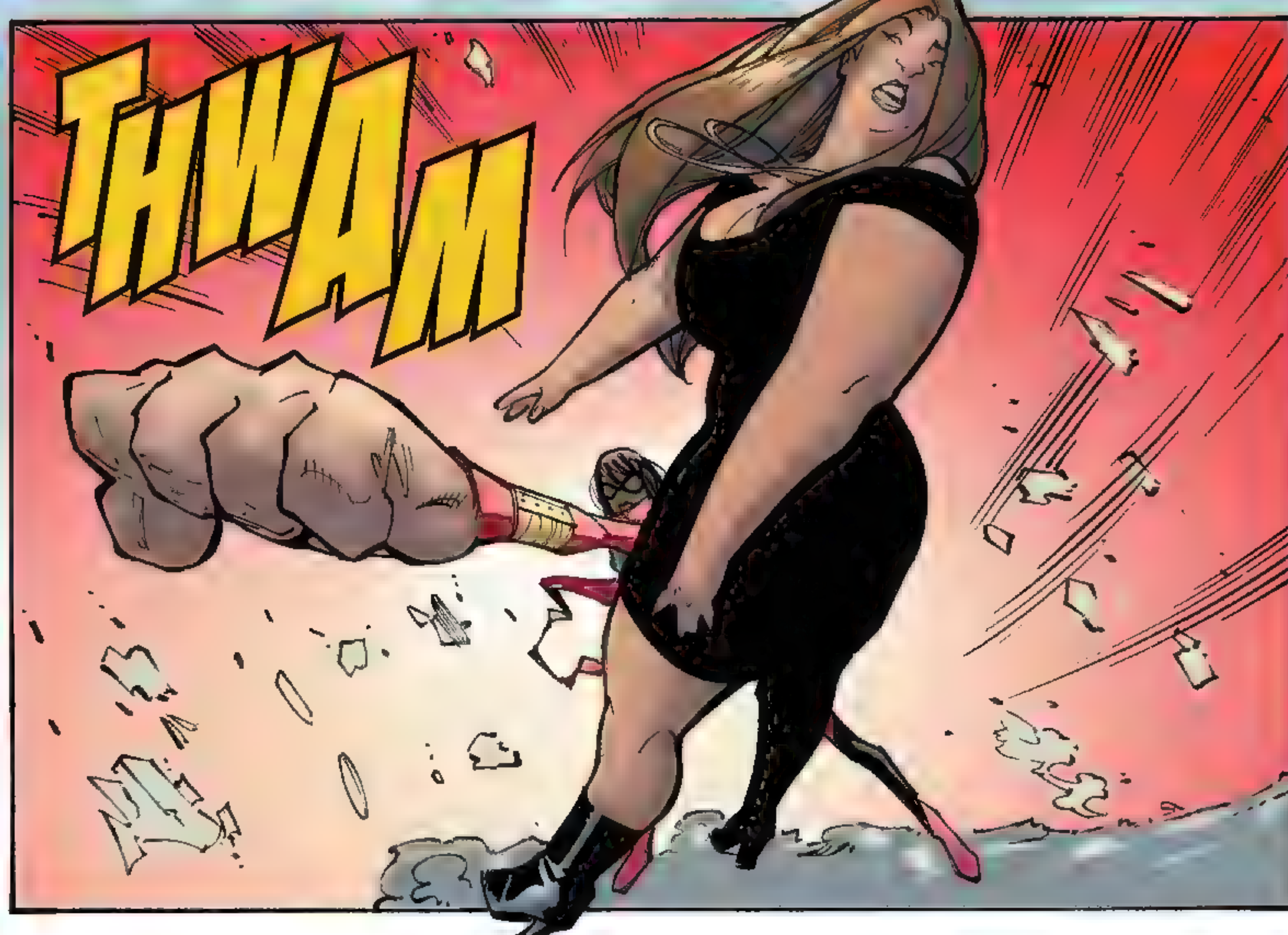
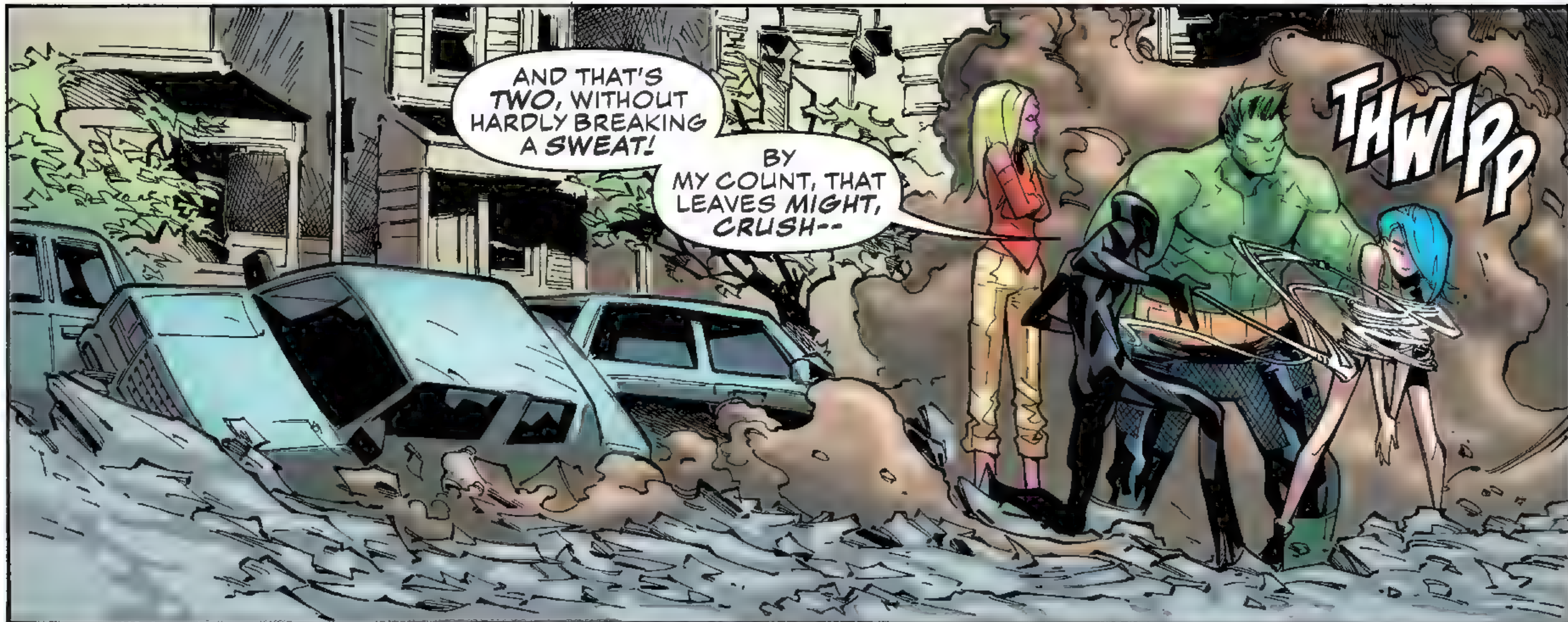
LET ME GO.

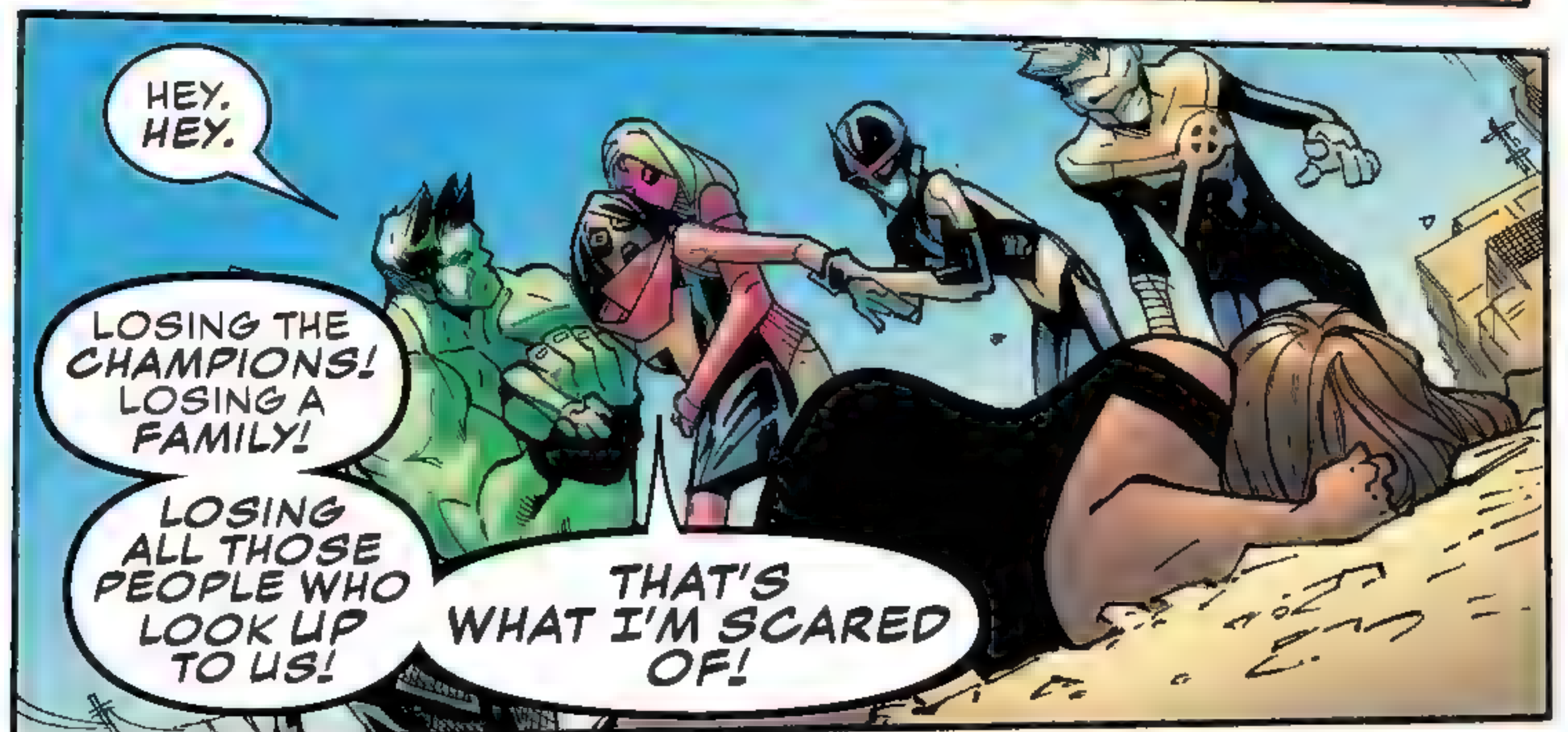
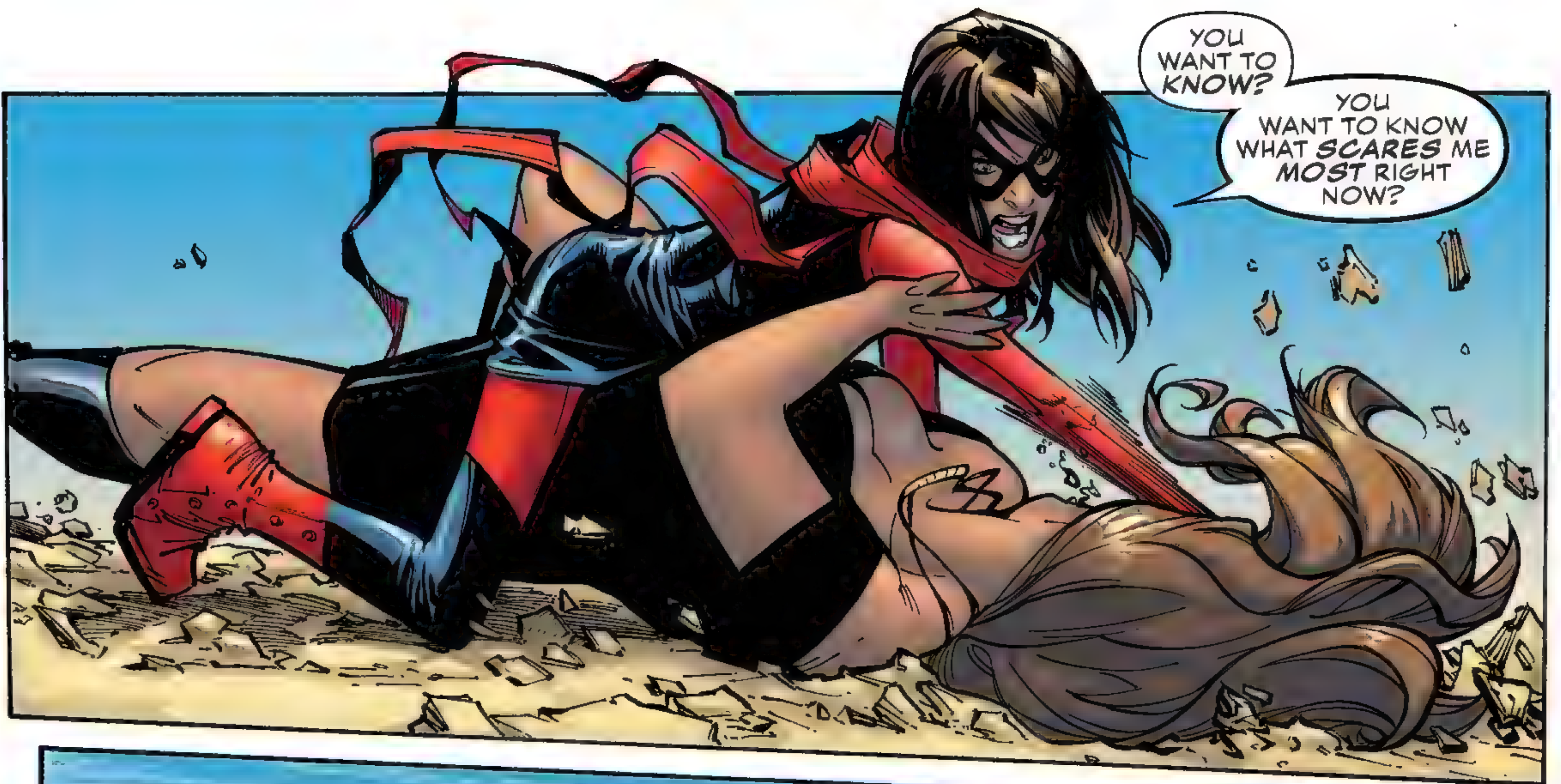
WE CANNOT DO THAT. YOU POSE A DANGER.



THEN WHAT'S YOUR NEXT PLAY?











NOW THE "C" MEANS
SOMETHING AGAIN, RIGHT?
HOW'S IT FEEL, MARV?

LIKE...
EVERYTHING. IT FEELS
LIKE EVERYTHING.

MS.
MARVEL?

WE
GOOD?



THAT MIGHT
BE STRETCHING IT.
BUT I HOPE YOU'LL BE
MORE CAREFUL WITH
HOW YOU TREAT
PEOPLE.

OUR LAWYER WILL TAKE CARE
OF THOSE HOMELESS DUDES. ARE YOU
ENJOYING A GOOD GLOAT, PIPSQUEAK?



WHAT?

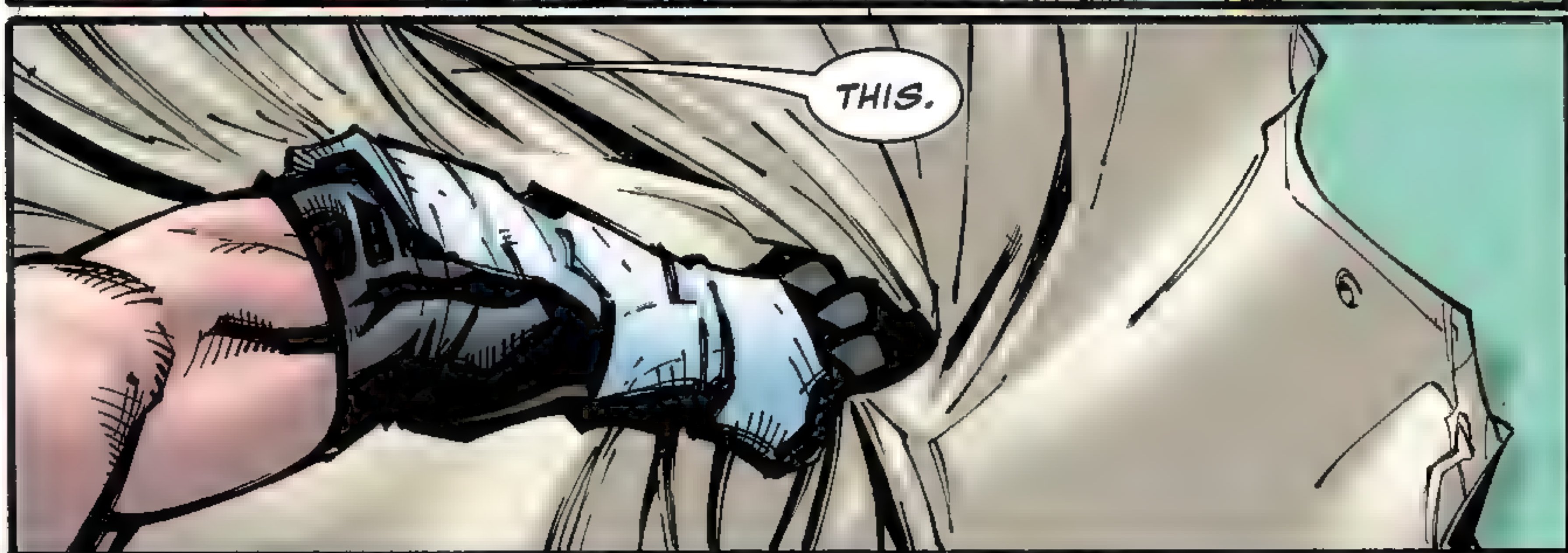
YOU ROB US
OF OUR WORK, OUR
MONEY, OUR FUN. YOU
MAKE US DRAG OUR OWN
REPUTATION THROUGH
THE MUD IN FRONT
OF THE WORLD.

AND
THEN YOU
GET TO STRUT
AROUND LIKE BIG
SMUG-ASS
WINNERS.

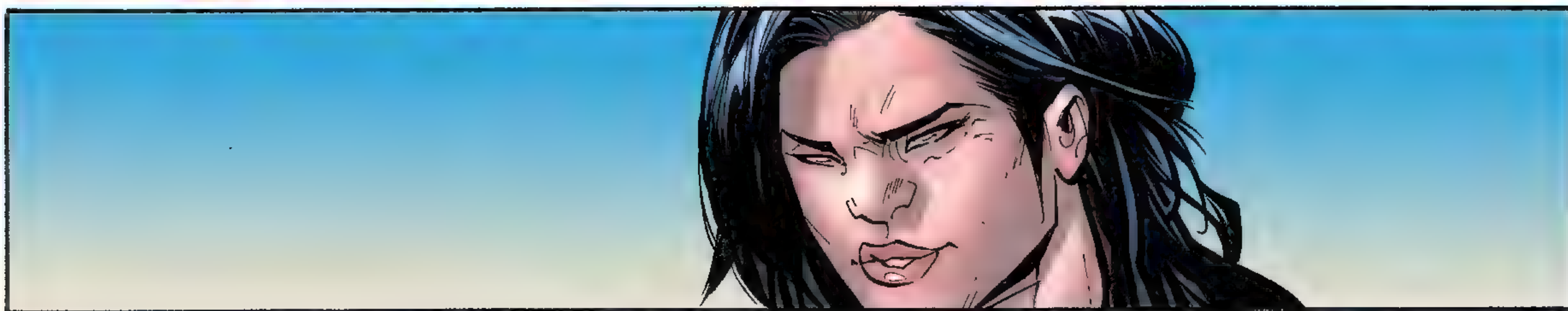
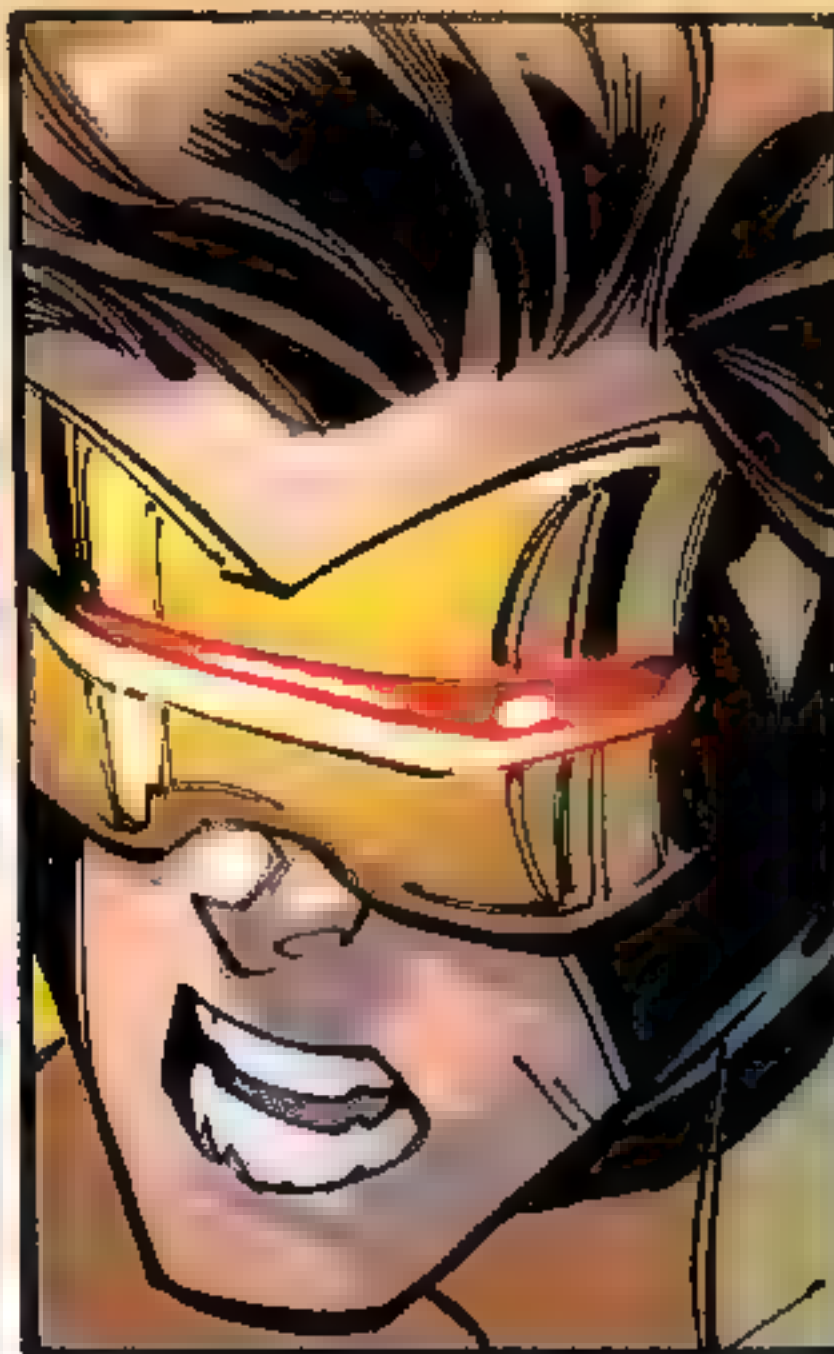
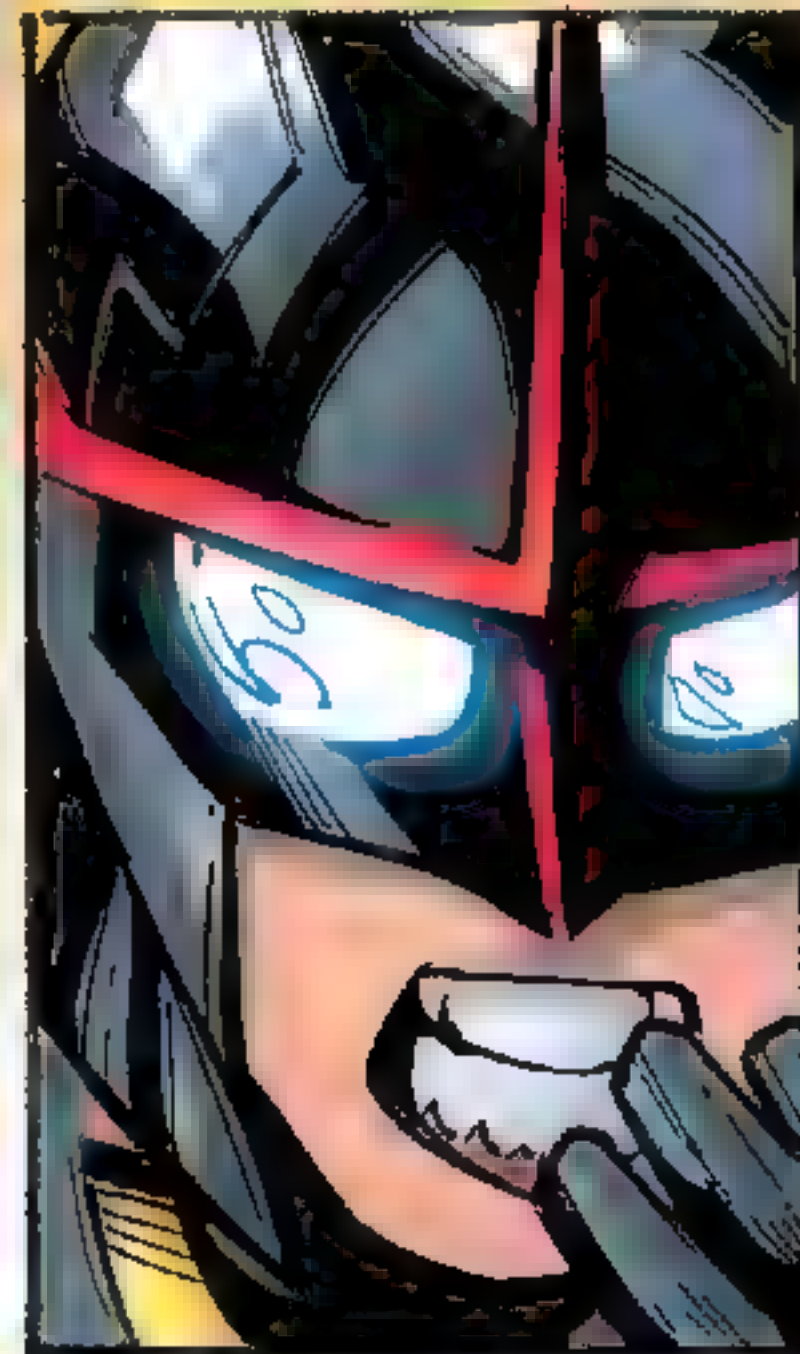
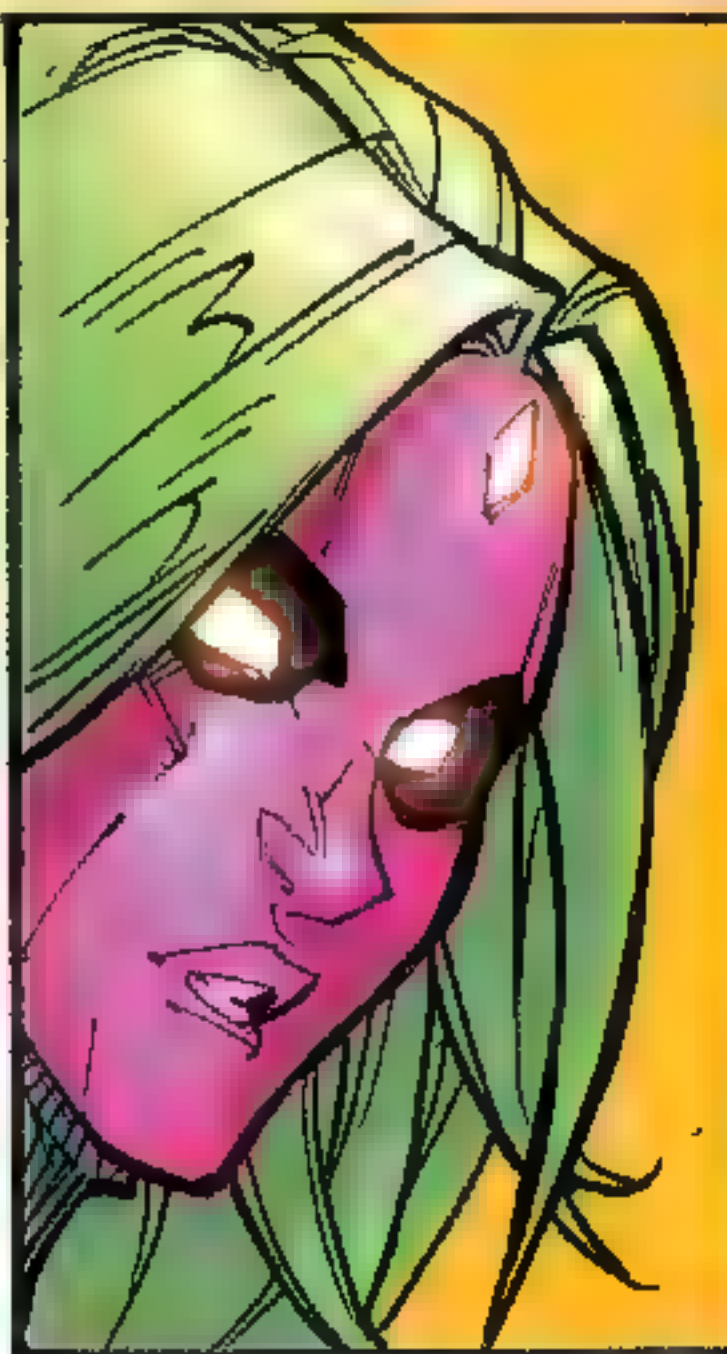
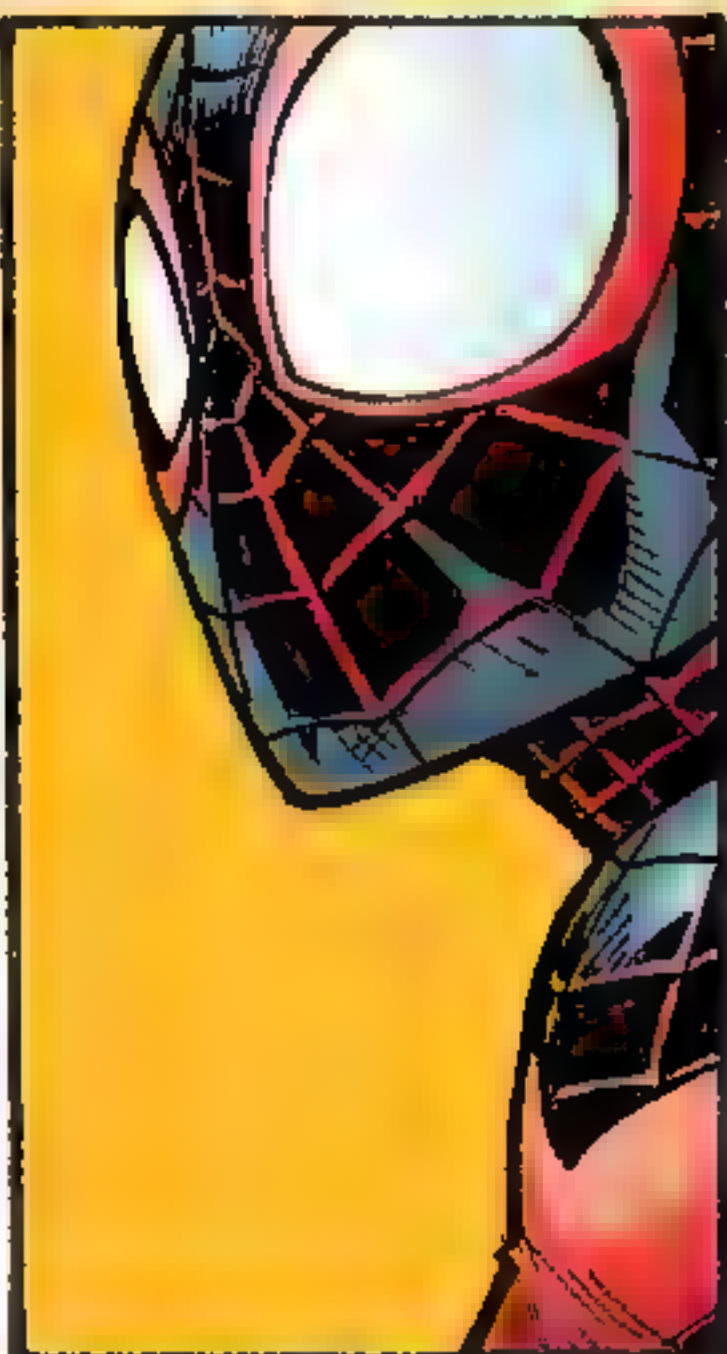


BUT
THERE'S ONE
THING YOU DIDN'T SEE
COMING. ONE THING
YOU COULDN'T
PREVENT.

WHAT...?



THIS.





THE BANK
LICENSED IT. IT'S
ALL LEGAL.

BUT THEY
CAN'T. IT'S PUBLIC
DOMAIN. WE PUT IT
OUT THERE SO PEOPLE
COULD SHARE IT
FREELY.

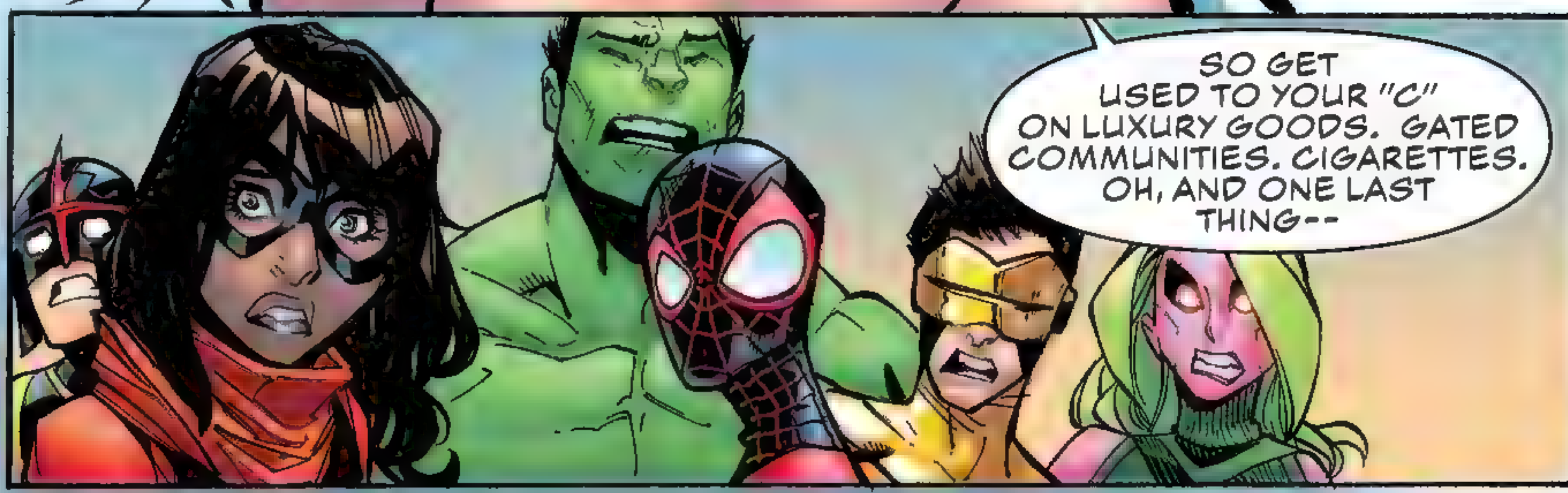
AND THAT
MAKES PERFECT
SENSE IN YOUR WORLD. WHAT
BETTER WAY TO SAY, "SHED YOUR
SYMPATHY TEARS IN YOUR SAFE
SPACE, SNOWFLAKES"?

BUT IT WAS
A STUPID MOVE IN THE
REAL WORLD, WHERE PEOPLE
COMPETE. YOU SHOULD HAVE
TRADEMARKED YOUR LITTLE
SOCIAL-CHANGE
SYMBOL--

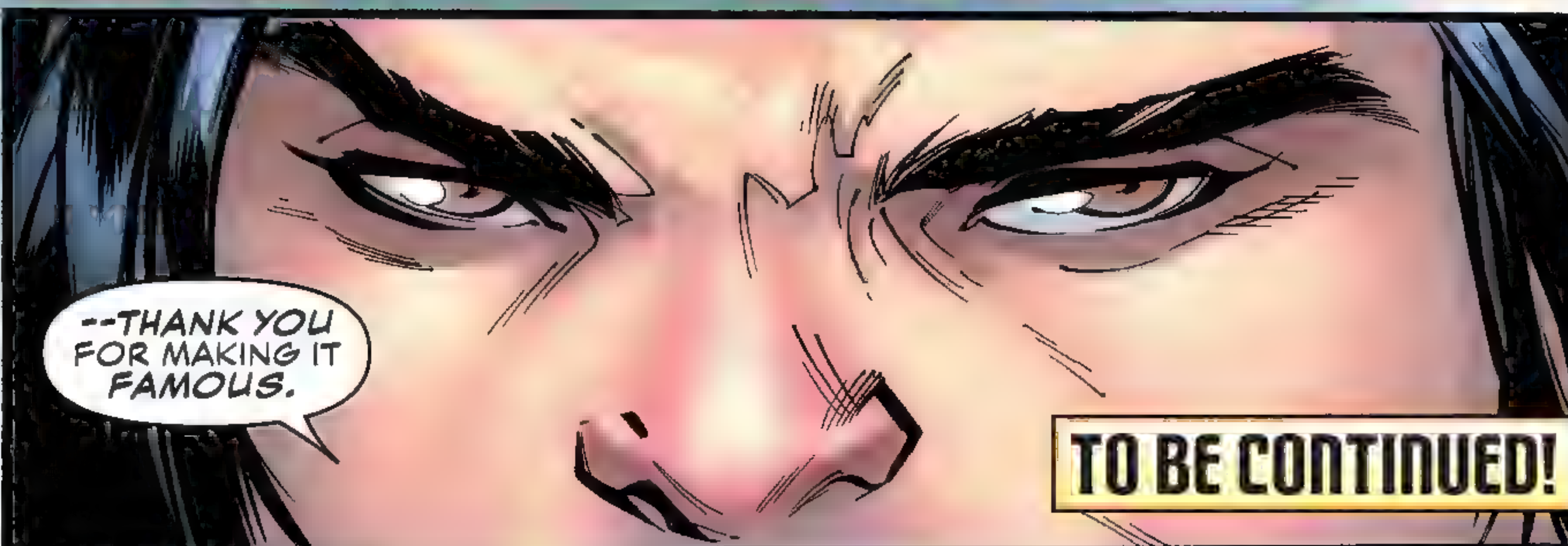


--BEFORE
WE DID.

NICE BURN
ON YOU AND A
GOOD FINANCIAL
MOVE. THERE ARE PEOPLE
ALREADY CLAMORING TO
PAY HUGE AMOUNTS
FOR THE PLEASURE OF
UNDERMINING YOUR
CRUSADE.



SO GET
USED TO YOUR "C"
ON LUXURY GOODS. GATED
COMMUNITIES. CIGARETTES.
OH, AND ONE LAST
THING--



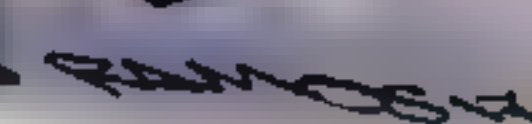
--THANK YOU
FOR MAKING IT
FAMOUS.

TO BE CONTINUED!



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FALLOUT!





HE WILL, TOO!

IT'S A BAD IDEA. HE WON'T.

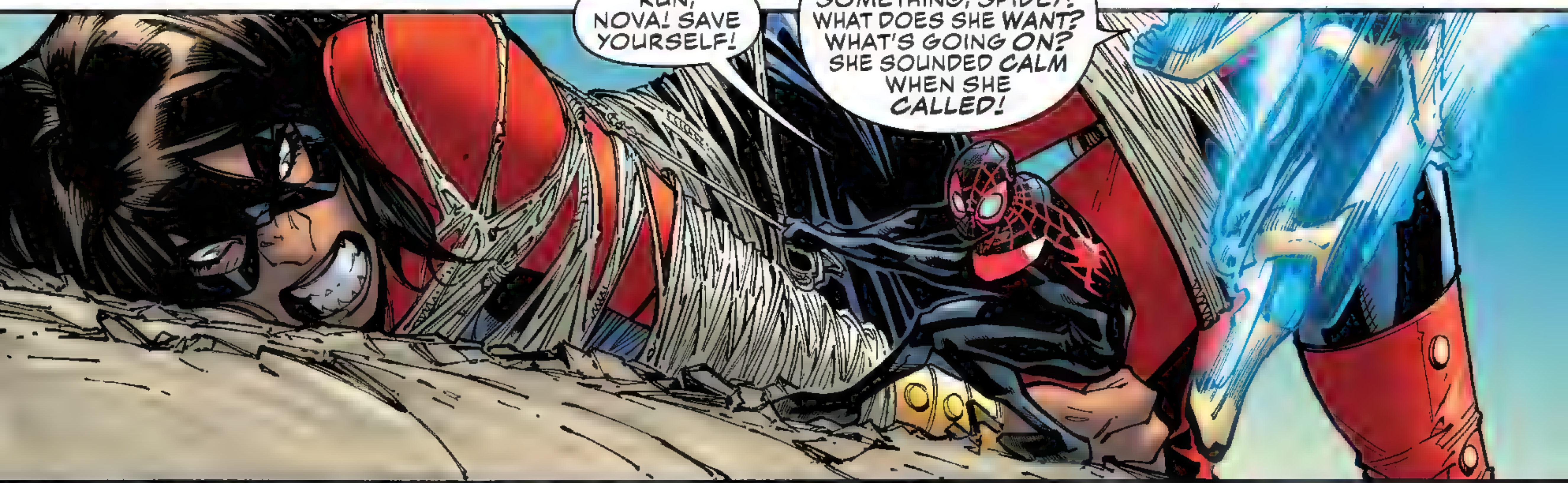
HE'D BETTER!

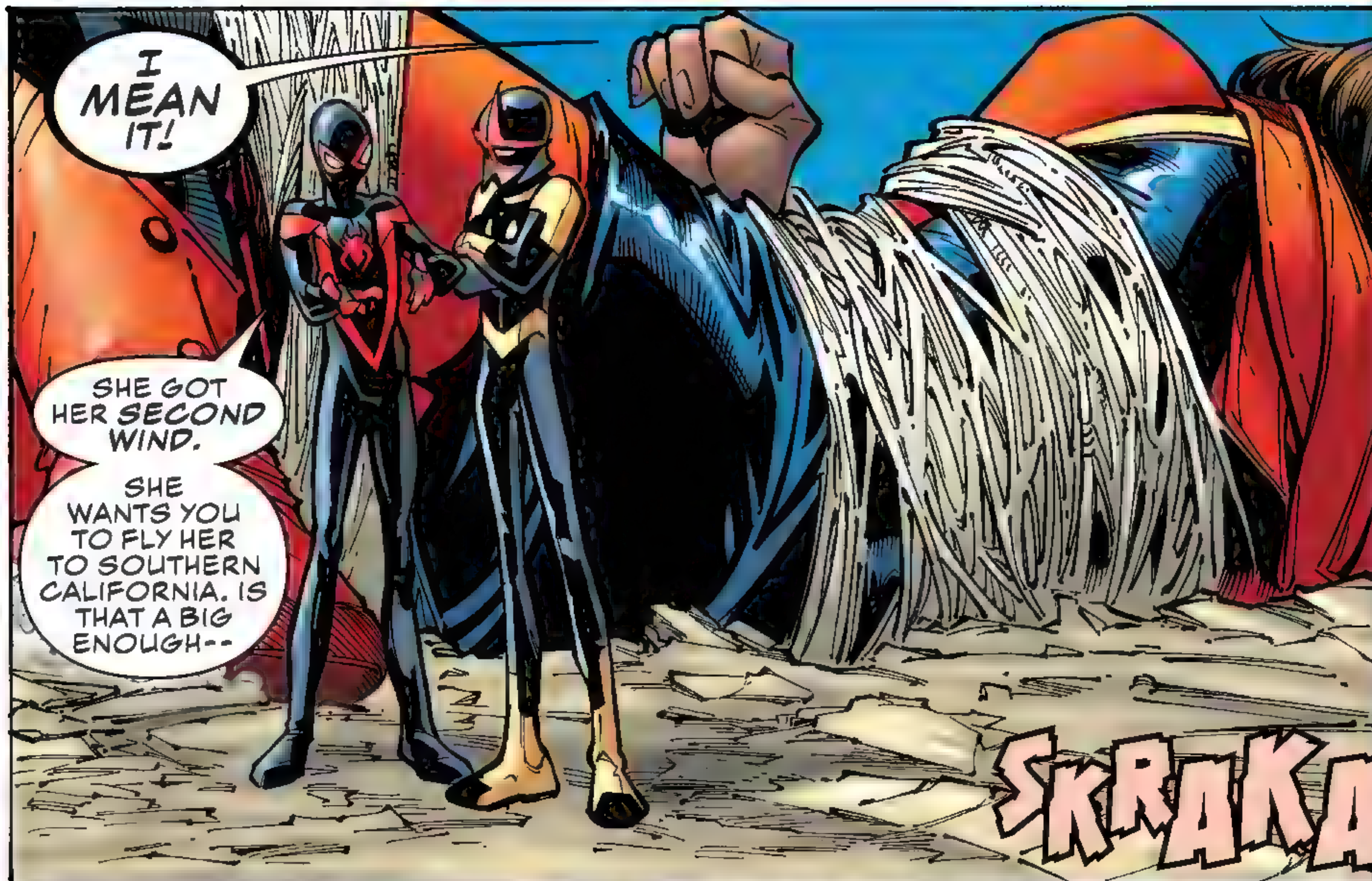
LET ME GO!

YOW. GLAD THIS BUILDING IS CONDEMNED.

RUN, NOVA! SAVE YOURSELF!

IS SHE UNDER MIND CONTROL OR SOMETHING, SPIDEY? WHAT DOES SHE WANT? WHAT'S GOING ON? SHE SOUNDED CALM WHEN SHE CALLED!





I
MEAN
IT!

SHE GOT
HER SECOND
WIND.

SHE
WANTS YOU
TO FLY HER
TO SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA. IS
THAT A BIG
ENOUGH--

SKRAKAKKAKK



--CLUUUUUUE--!



AAAND
THERE GOES
THE ROOF.

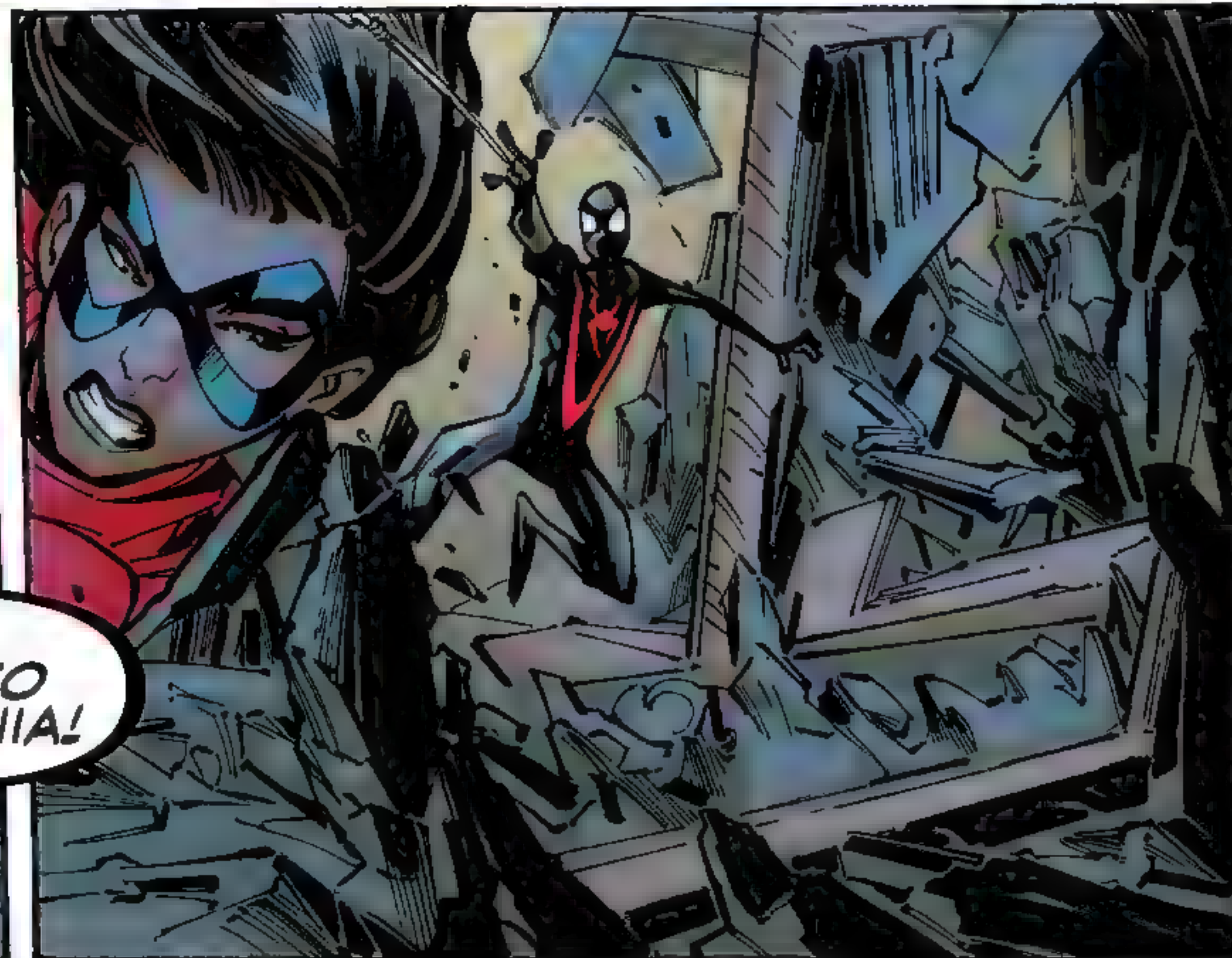


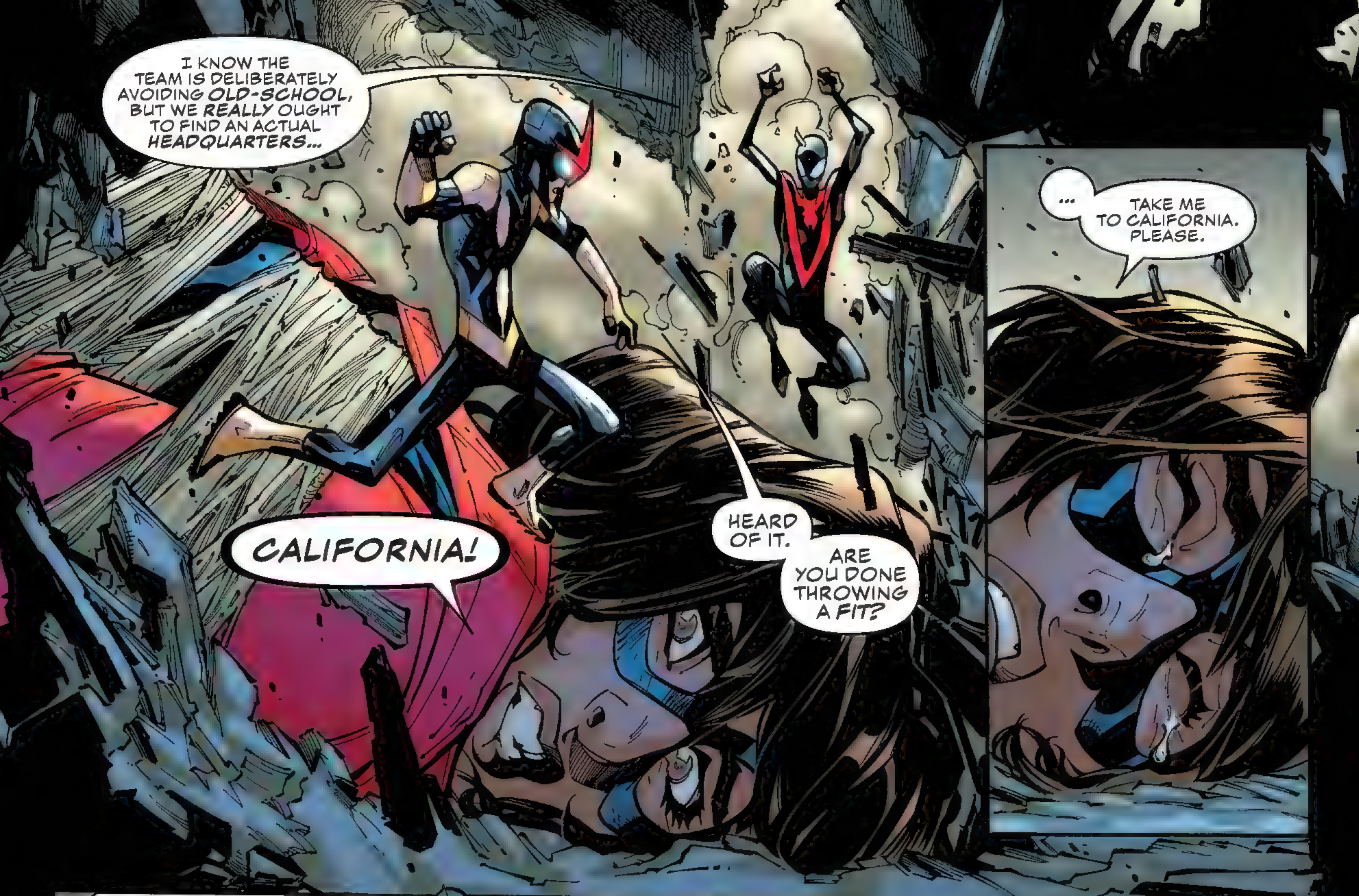
EVERYONE
OKAY?

GET ME
OUT OF
HERE!

JUST
FLY ME TO
CALIFORNIA!

ANSWERS
THAT.





I KNOW THE TEAM IS DELIBERATELY AVOIDING OLD-SCHOOL, BUT WE REALLY OUGHT TO FIND AN ACTUAL HEADQUARTERS...

CALIFORNIA!

HEARD OF IT.

ARE YOU DONE THROWING A FIT?

... TAKE ME TO CALIFORNIA. PLEASE.



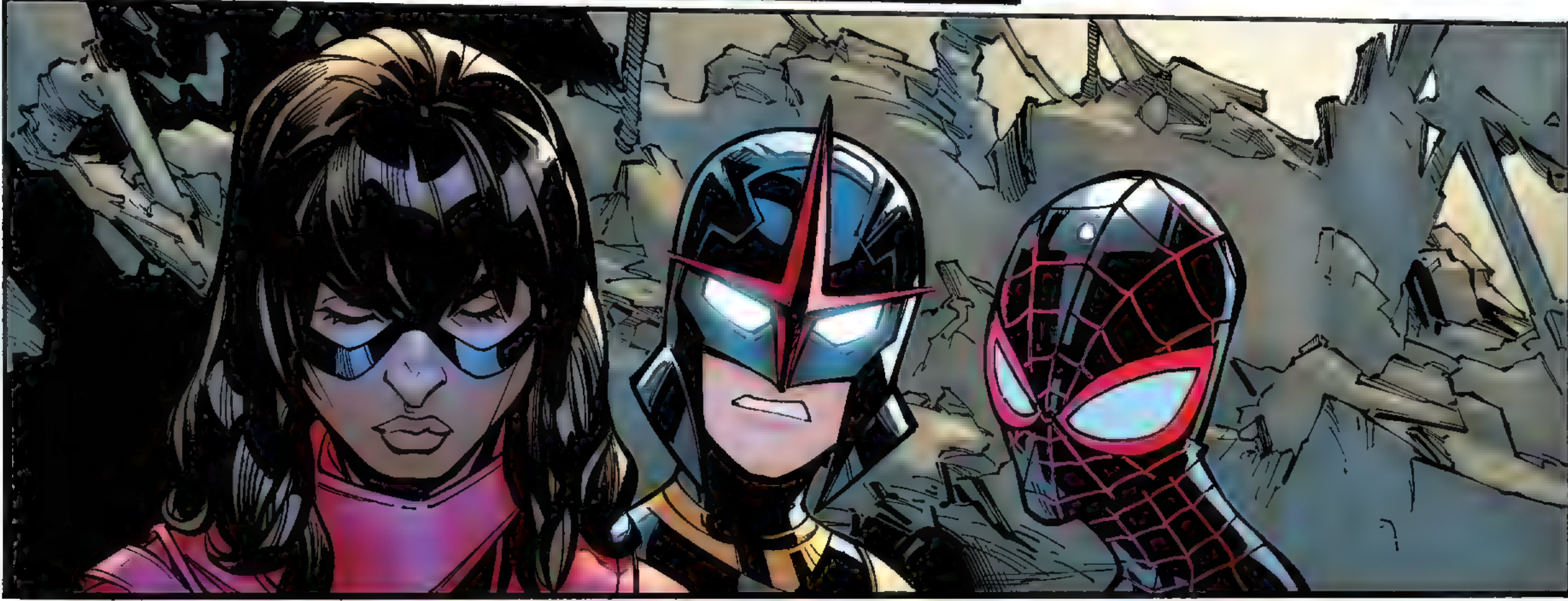
UH-OH, IT'S NOT FUNNY ANYMORE IT'S NOT FUNNY ANYMORE IT'S NOT FUNNY ANYMORE--!

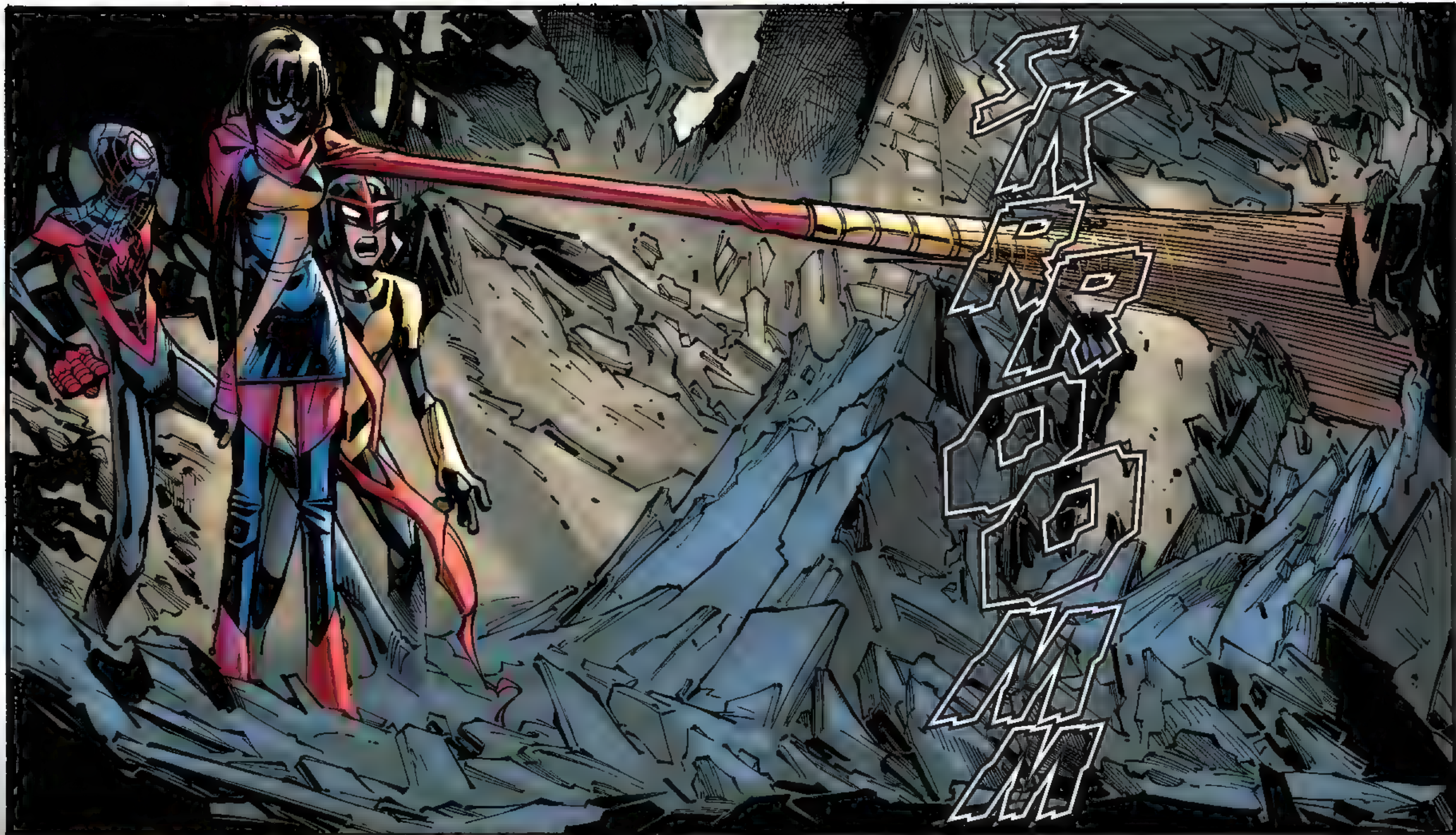
RELAX, OKAY, MS. MARVEL? BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, WE'LL GET YOU LOOSE!

GIVE THAT AN HOUR OR SO, IT'LL MELT AWAY.

MARV, I KNOW THE FREELANCERS SCREWED US, AND IT STINGS, BUT THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL.

NOVA CAN'T JUST DROP YOU OFF AT THEIR FRONT DOOR SO YOU CAN KNOCK HEADS. THAT'LL JUST MAKE THIS WORSE. YOU KNOW THAT.





HEY...
HEY...

THE
FREELANCERS ARE
PUKES. THEY RIPPED OFF OUR
SYMBOL AND TRADEMARKED
IT JUST FOR SPITE.
SUCKS.



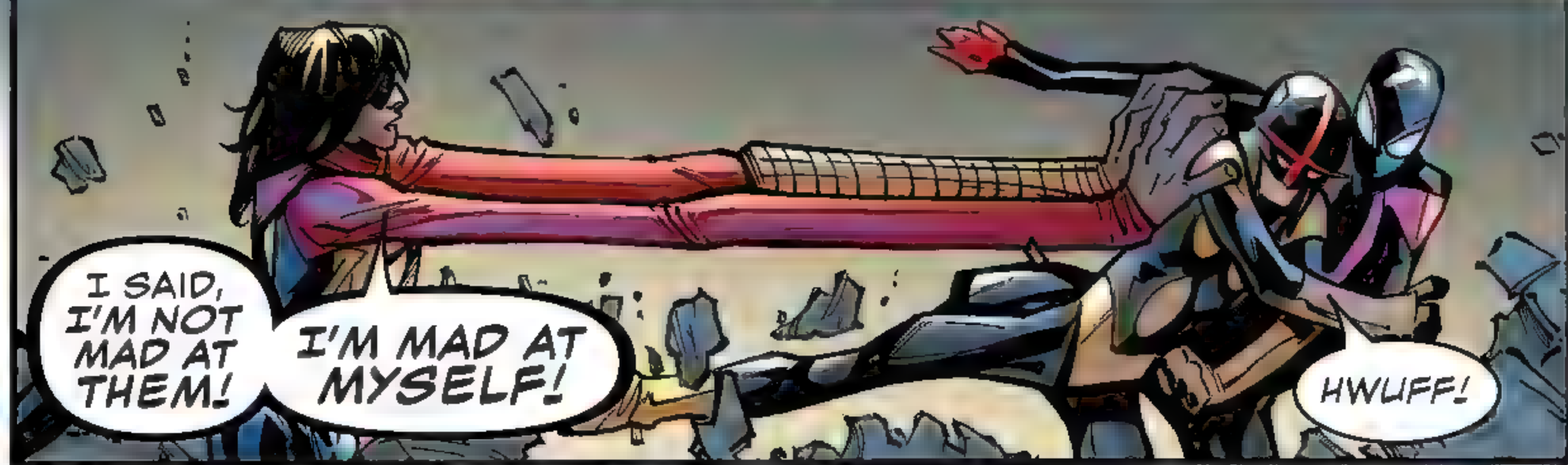
BUT
LIKE SPIDEY
SAID, THEY DIDN'T
BREAK THE LAW,
Y'KNOW?

JERK MOVE,
BUT THEY'LL CROSS
SOME OTHER LINE
SOONER OR LATER, AND
YOU CAN BE MAD
AT THEM FOR
THAT.



YOU'RE
RIGHT I'M
NOT MAD AT
THEM

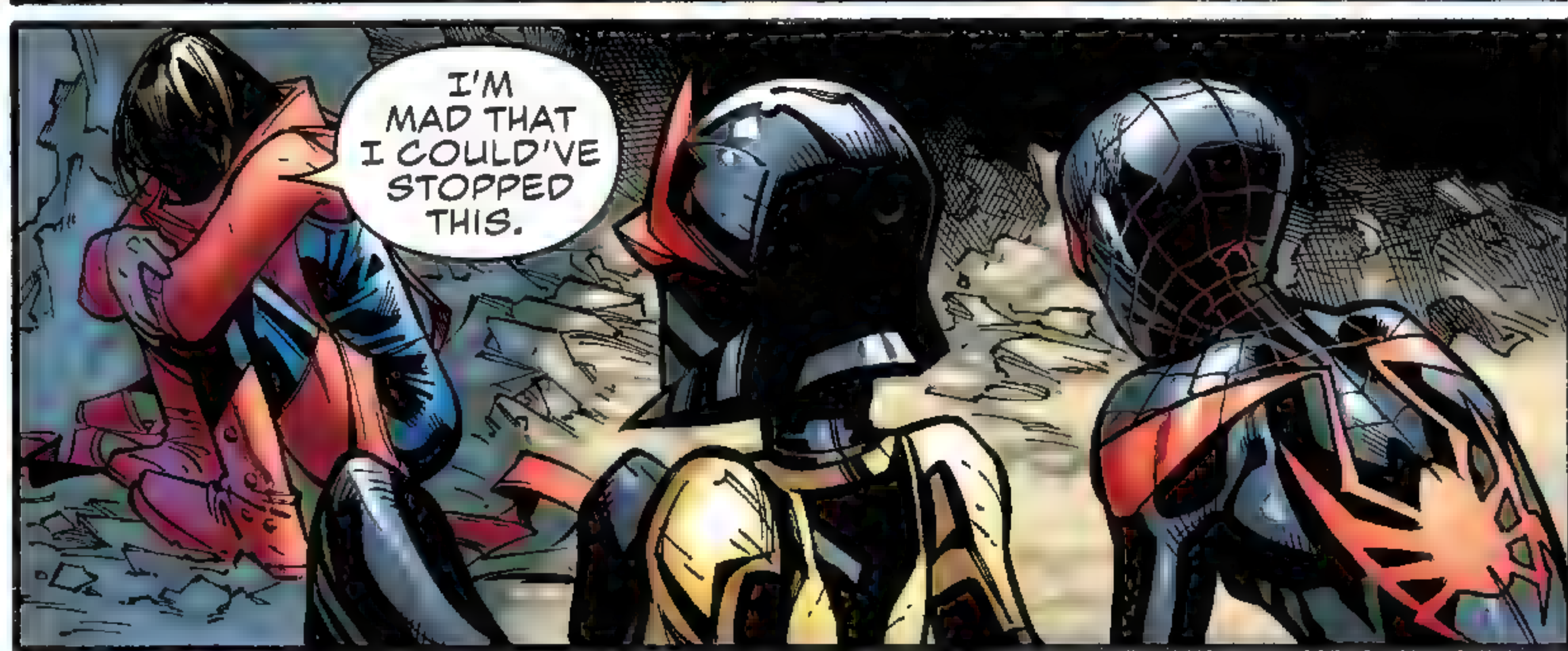
I
CAN'T HEAR.
WHAT?



I SAID,
I'M NOT
MAD AT
THEM!

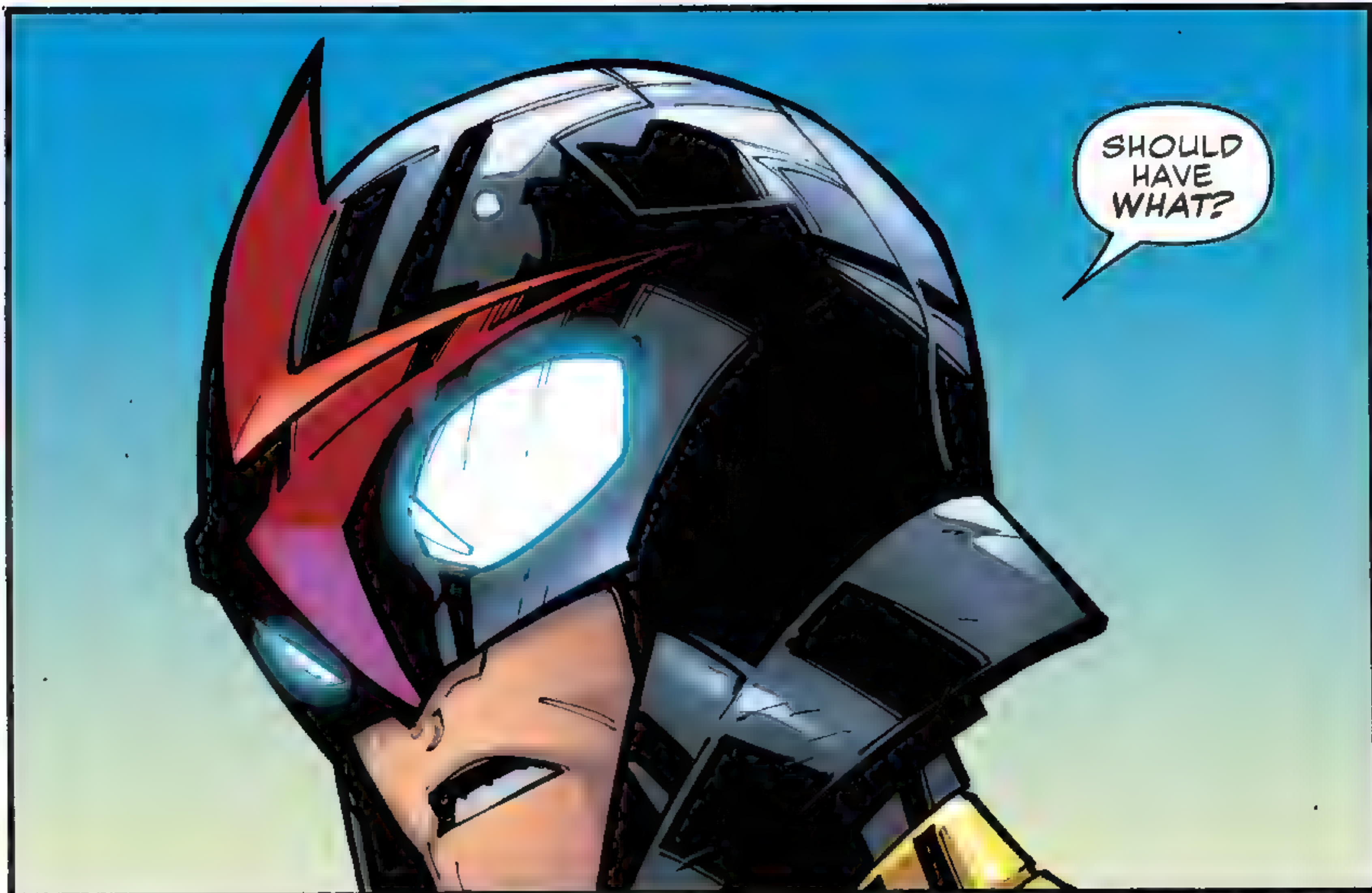
I'M MAD AT
MYSELF!

HWUFF!



I'M
MAD THAT
I COULD'VE
STOPPED
THIS.





SHOULD HAVE WHAT?

BUT I DIDN'T PROTECT IT. AND NOW THE FREELANCERS STOLE IT AND THEY'RE SLAPPING IT ON COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS.

WHICH PEOPLE NOW THINK WE ENDORSE AND PROFIT FROM. NOW WE'RE JUST OPPORTUNISTS IN THEIR EYES.

I'VE HAD THIS HAPPEN TO ME BEFORE AS MS. MARVEL, BUT I GUESS I LEARNED NOTHING.*

I SHUT THAT DOWN, BUT THIS...THIS IS SO MUCH BIGGER. IT'S MY FAULT. WE SHOULD HAVE...

YES? I'M LISTENING. SHOULD HAVE WHAT? TRADEMARKED IT OURSELVES?

AS THE SIXTH-SMARTEST PERSON ON THIS TEAM--

--OF SIX PEOPLE--

--I CAN SAY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT YOU NEED YOUR BRAIN CHECKED.



THIS WAS NEVER ABOUT "CONTROLLING A BRAND." YOU KNOW THIS. WE NEVER CAMPAIGNED FOR ANYBODY TO FLY OUR FLAG, THEY JUST DID.

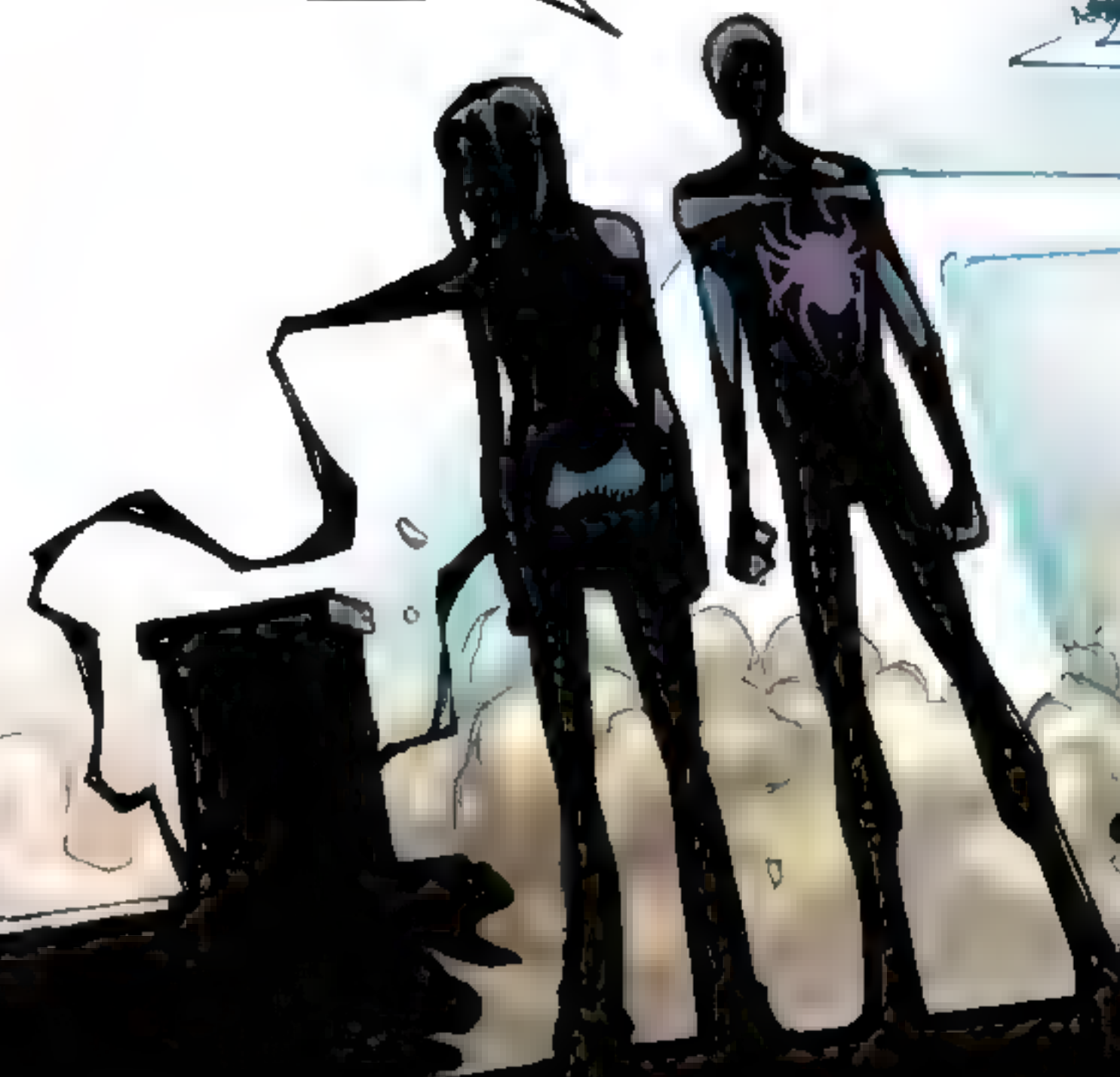
DOESN'T MATTER. EVERYTHING'S RUINED.

AMEN.



WHERE YOU GOIN'?

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS BOO-HOO STUFF! PING YOU LATER!





CHAMPION'S
EARRINGS
\$100-

CHAMPIONS
FAN PAGE

DISGUSTED!

Fans are horrified to find out
their heroes are sellouts

CHAMPIONS

Thank you for using
the Champions App!
You are now being
redirected to our
online store...

AUSTIN, TX.
OLYMPUS COMPOUND.
BASE OF AMADEUS CHO, A.K.A.
THE TOTALLY AWESOME HULK.

WE'RE VERY
DISAPPOINTED
IN ALL OF YOU,
CYCLOPS.

WE'VE BEEN
WATCHING YOU KIDS
FROM THE START. WE
HAD FAITH IN YOUR
"CHAMPIONS."

IT WAS
MISPLACED.

YOU
DIDN'T THINK.
WHY DIDN'T YOU
THINK?

BUT WE
DID! YOU CAN'T
PREPARE FOR EVERY
CONTINGENCY IN
BATTLE--

AND
YET, YOUR
SURVIVAL
DEPENDS
UPON JUST
THAT.

WE ARE
CAPABLE OF LEARNING,
HERCULES. AND WE WILL
CONTINUE TO DO SO.

UNDER WHOSE GUIDANCE?
YOU WENT OFF ON YOUR OWN,
AND NOW YOU CAN'T
HACK IT.

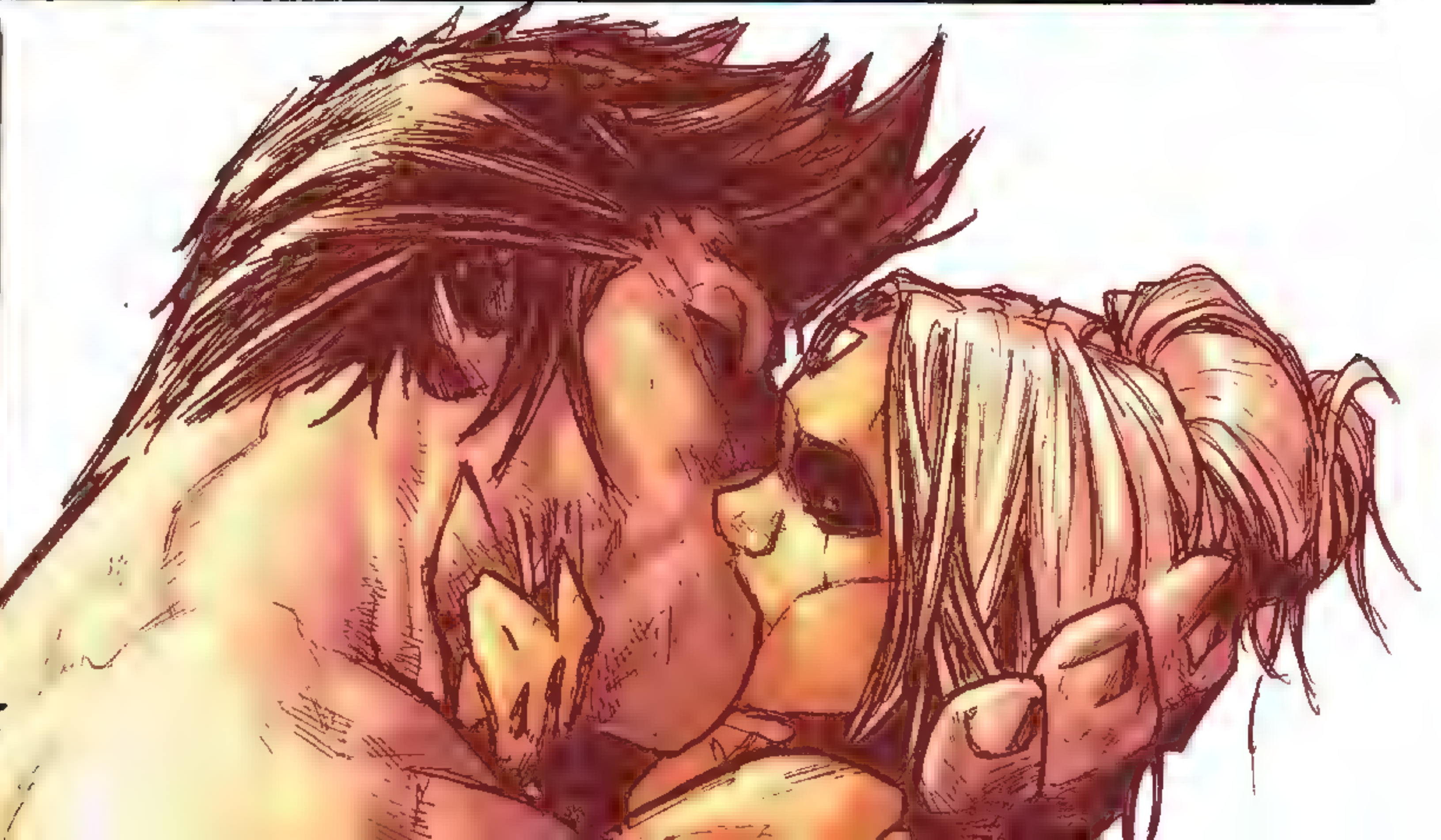
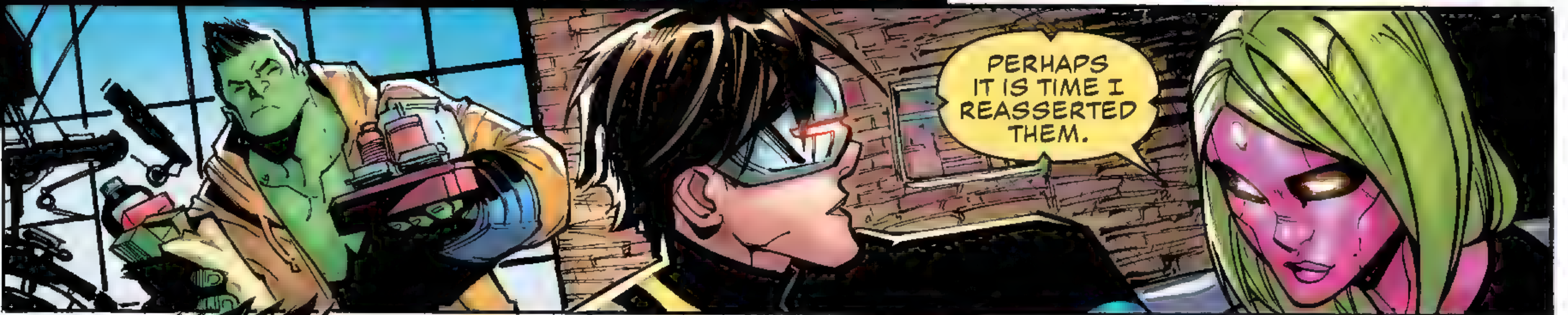
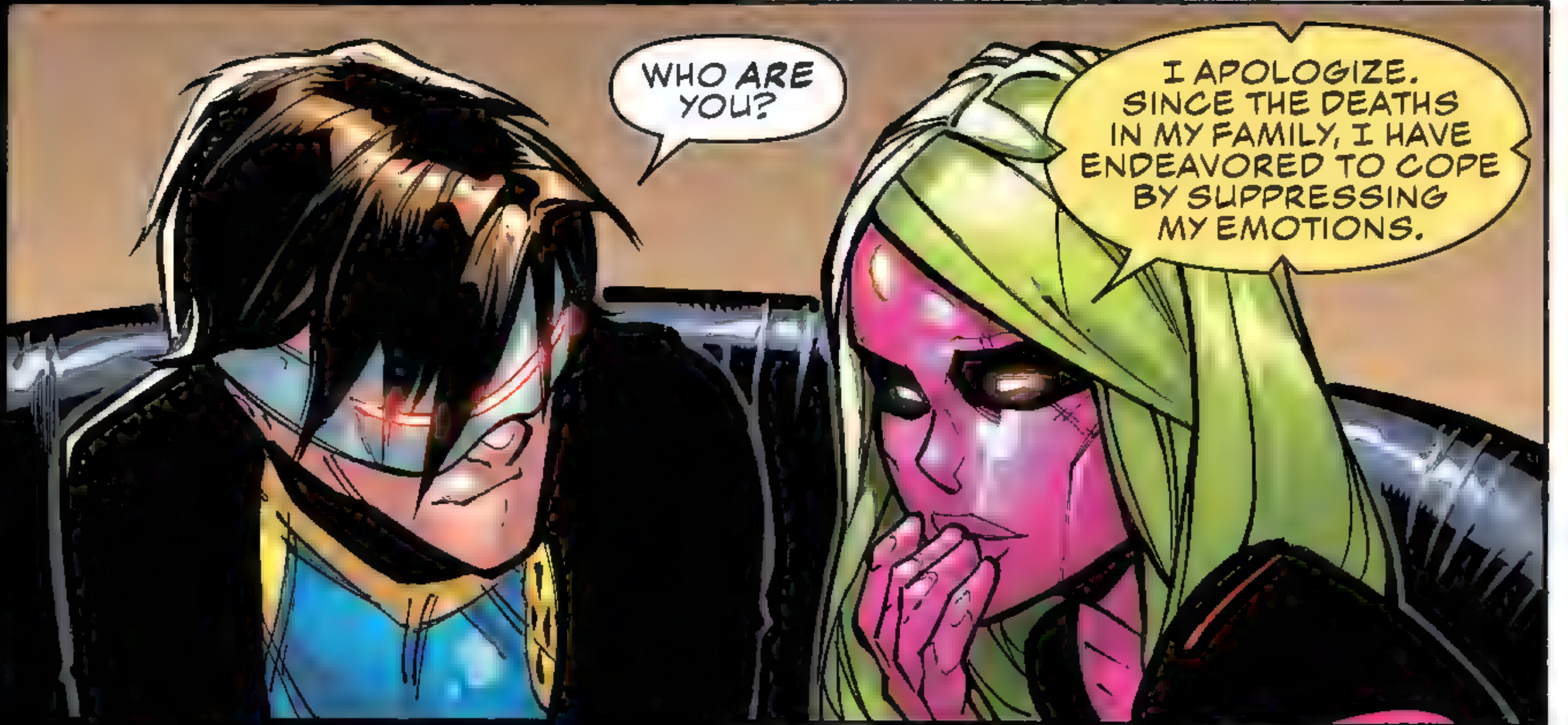
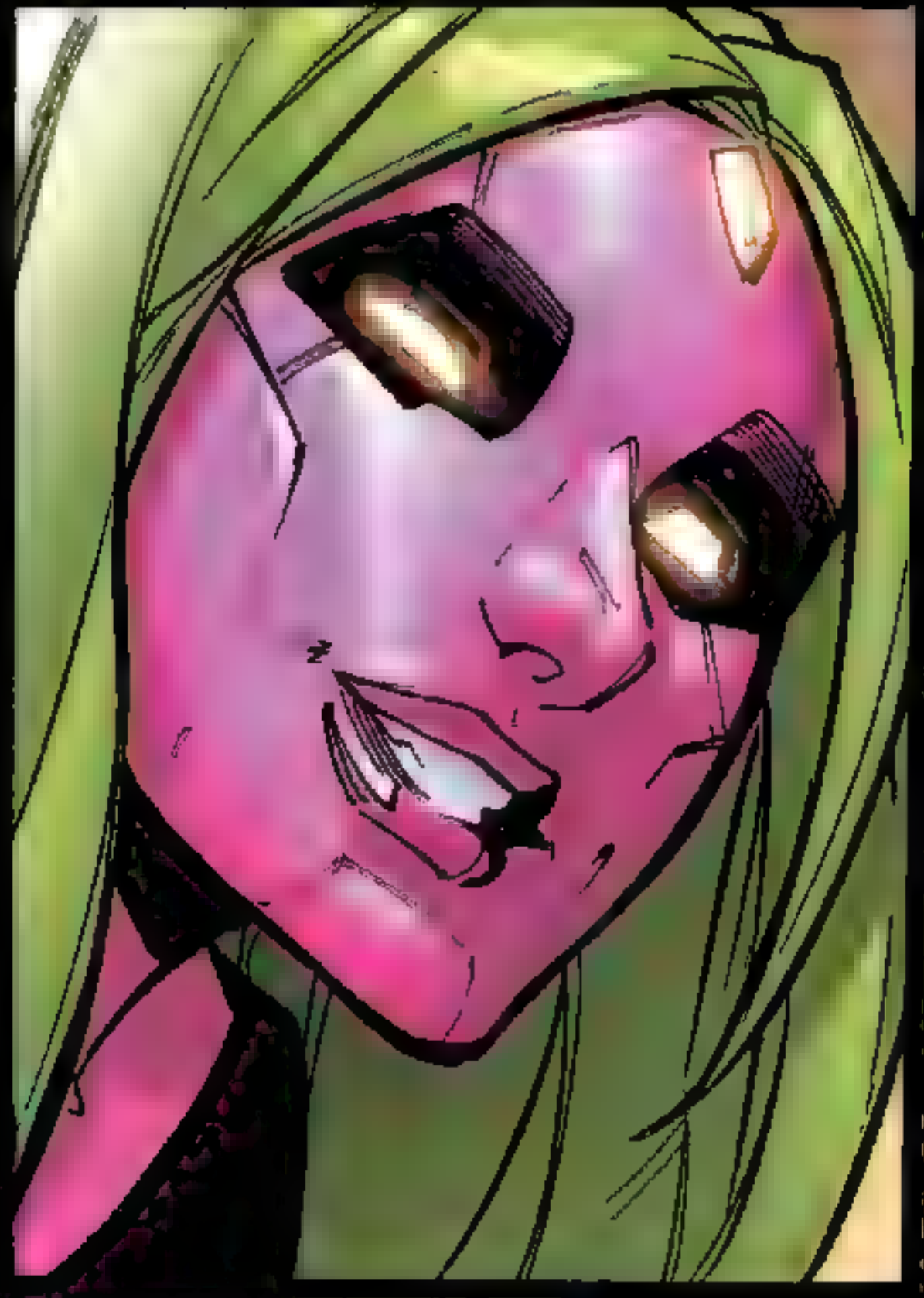
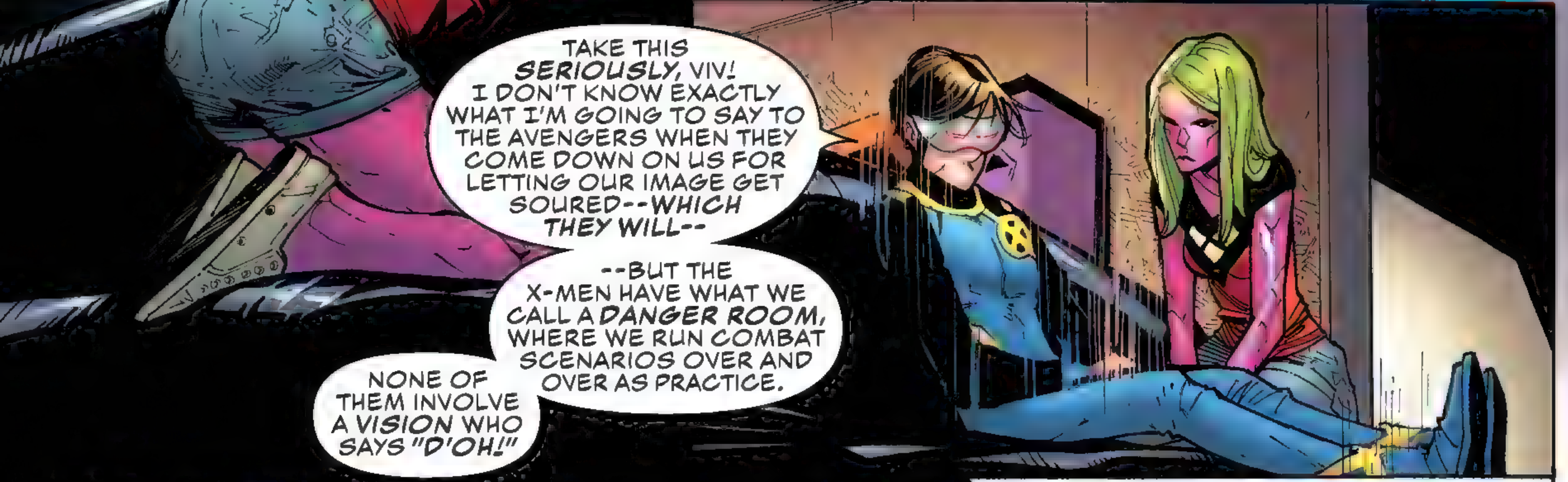
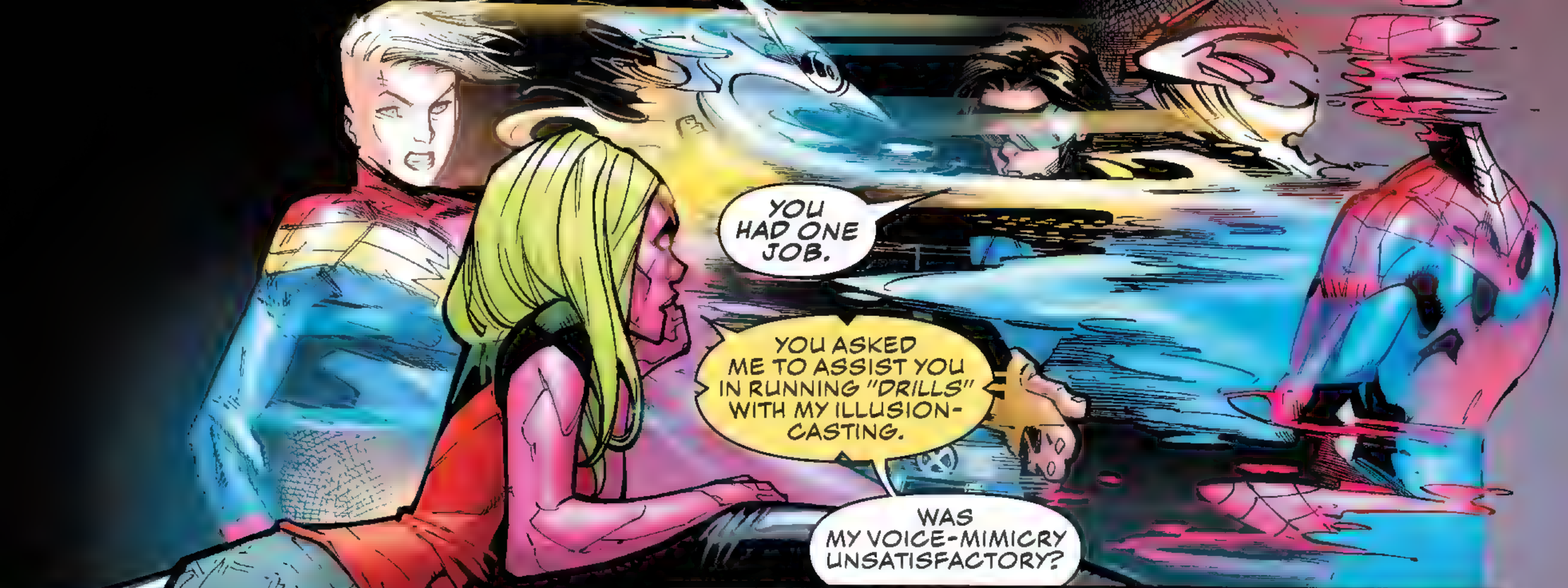
BECAUSE
I CAN'T LEARN
ANYTHING IF I STAY WITH
THE X-MEN AROUND
THE CLOCK!

I'VE MADE
MY CASE! WHAT CAN WE
DO TO REGAIN YOUR TRUST?

COMPREHEND THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE AND
WISDOM. IF YOU--D'OH!--
IF YOU CANNOT--

OKAY,
CUT!

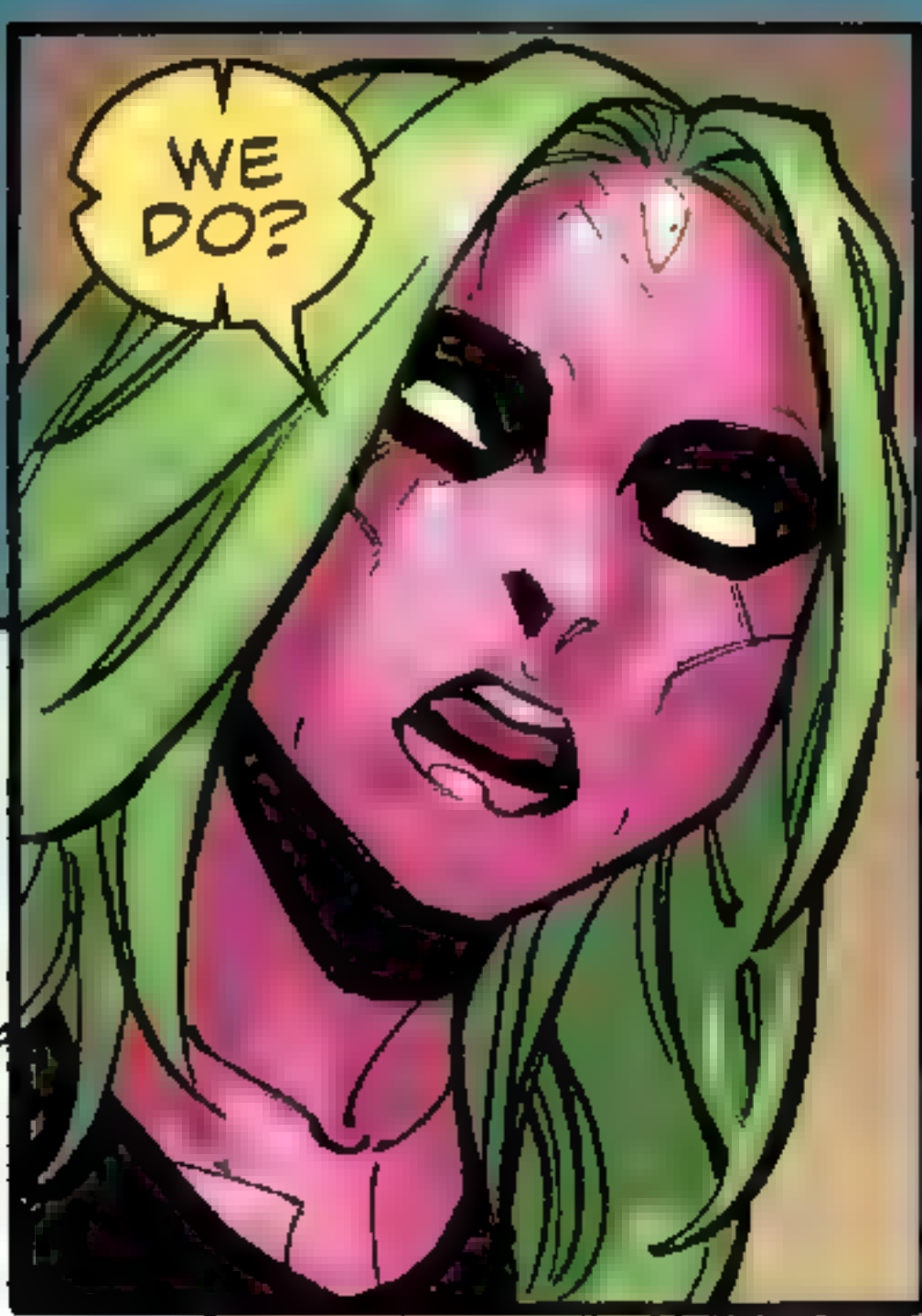
CUT, CUT,
CUT!





SCOOT, SLIM.

BETTER YET, CAN YOU RUN YOUR LINES ELSEWHERE? VIV AND I HAVE THINGS TO TALK ABOUT.



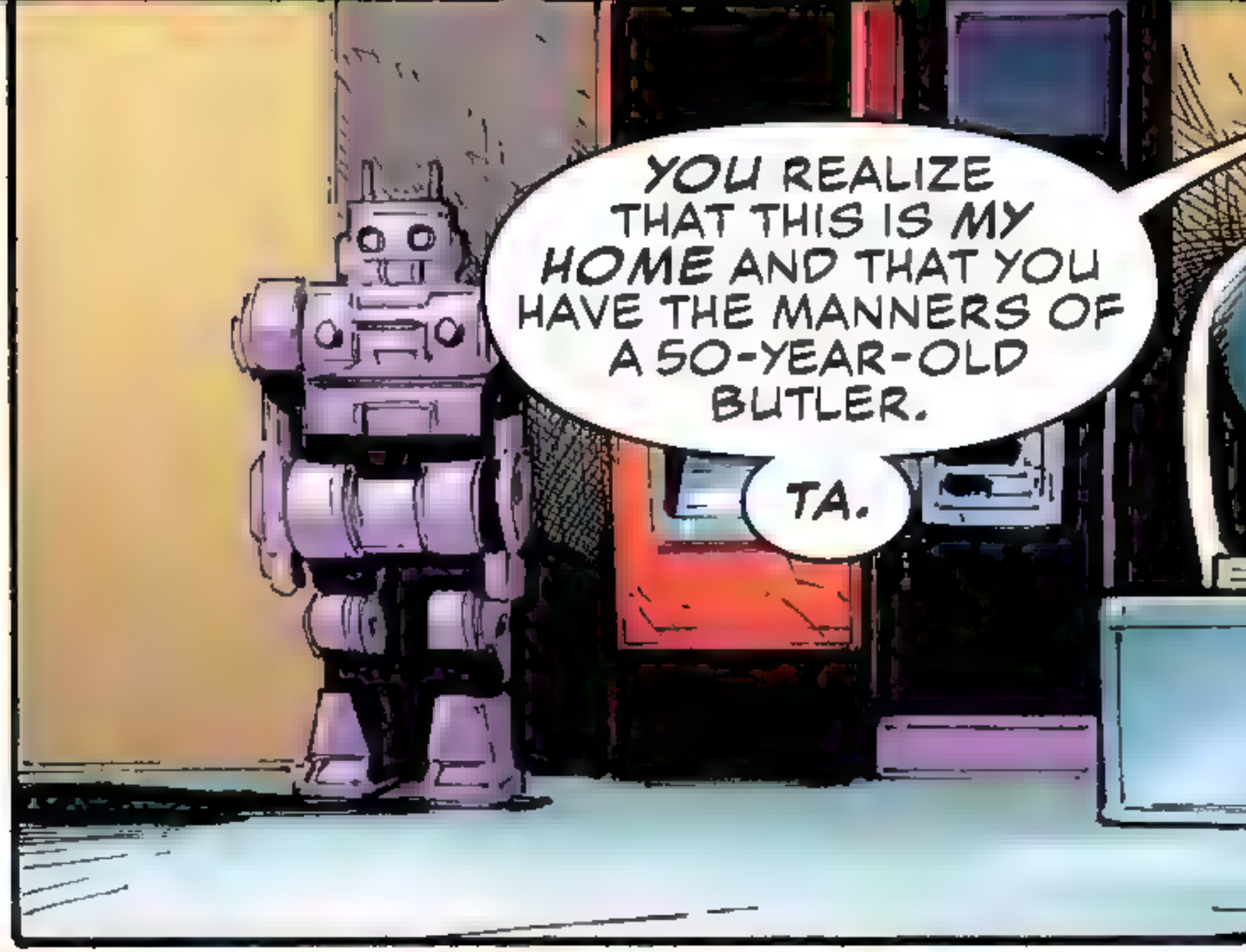
WE DO?



WE DO.



YOU REALIZE I COULD EYEBLAST YOU RIGHT OFF THAT COUCH.



YOU REALIZE THAT THIS IS MY HOME AND THAT YOU HAVE THE MANNERS OF A 50-YEAR-OLD BUTLER.

TA.



SKKKT

OOPS. SORRY. YOU'D THINK I'D KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH BY NOW.



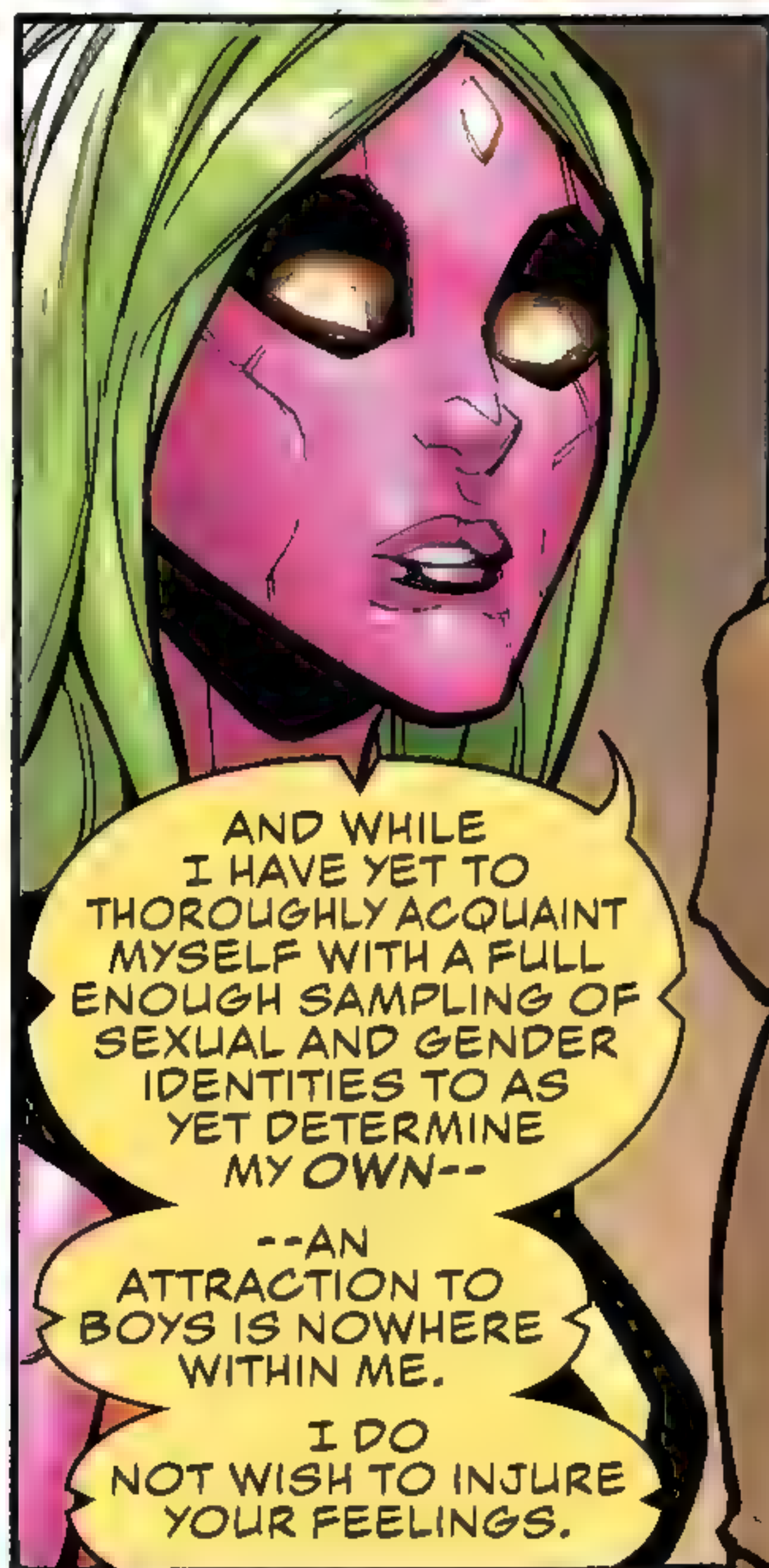
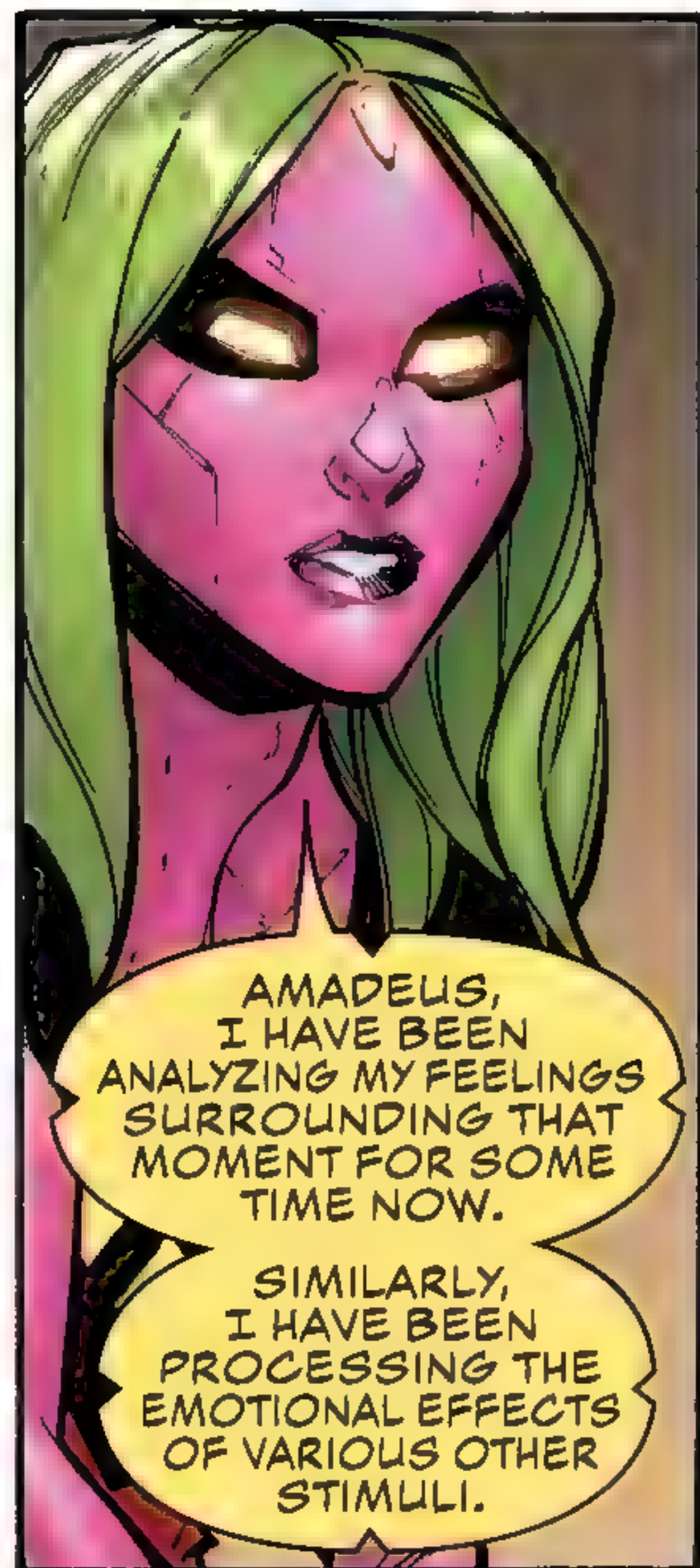
I CAN CALCULATE IT. WHEN YOU APPLY GRAVITATIONAL FORCE TO THE FORMULA $F=MA$, THEN--

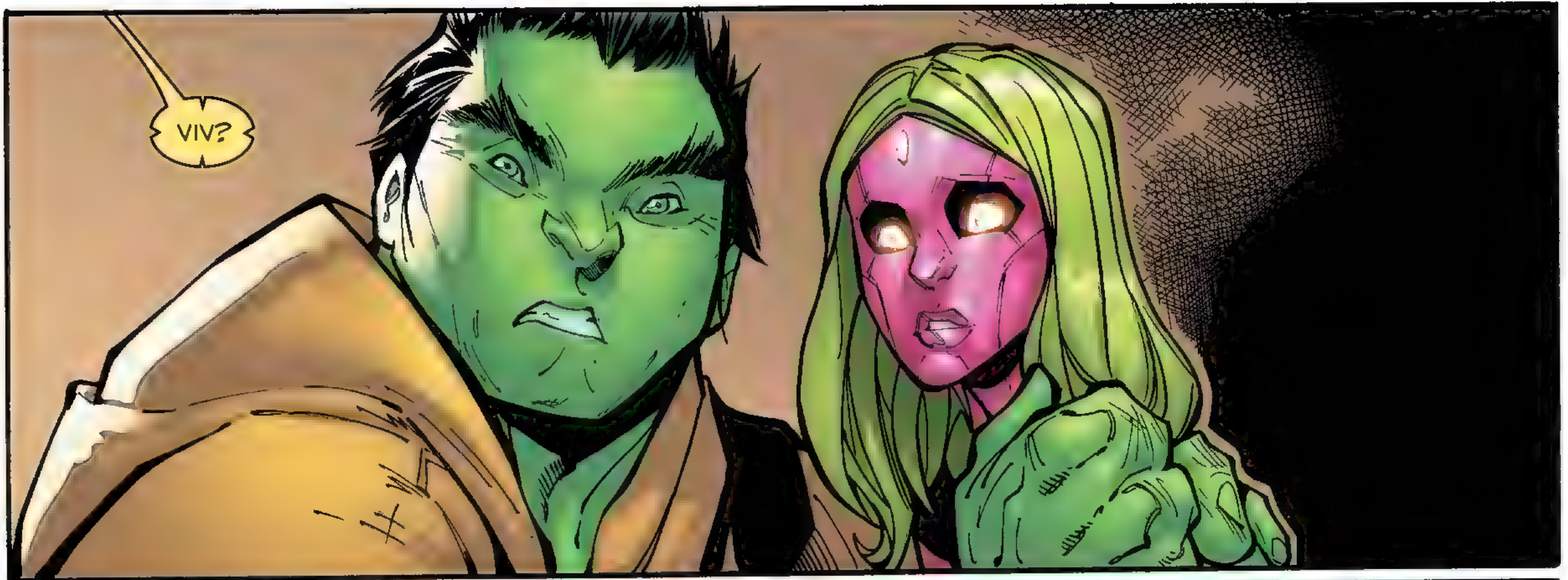


I WAS BEING SARCASTIC. ALSO, I DID THE MATH MONTHS AGO AND IT'S IN THE NEXT ROOM IF YOU WANT TO SEE.

I...

...I JUST WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU EVER... THOUGHT ABOUT...





VIV?



AMADEUS, IF YOU WOULD ALLOW US SOME PRIVACY, I WISH TO CONVERSE WITH MY DAUGHTER.



WE WEREN'T... UM... DOING ANYTHING...

I DID NOT IMPLY THAT YOU WERE PARTICIPATING IN ANY NON-PLATONIC ACTIVITIES. NEVERTHELESS...



FATHER.

YOU HAVE NOT BEEN HOME IN DAYS, VIV. THIS IS ABERRANT BEHAVIOR.



I HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNICATION.

THAT IS NOT THE SAME.

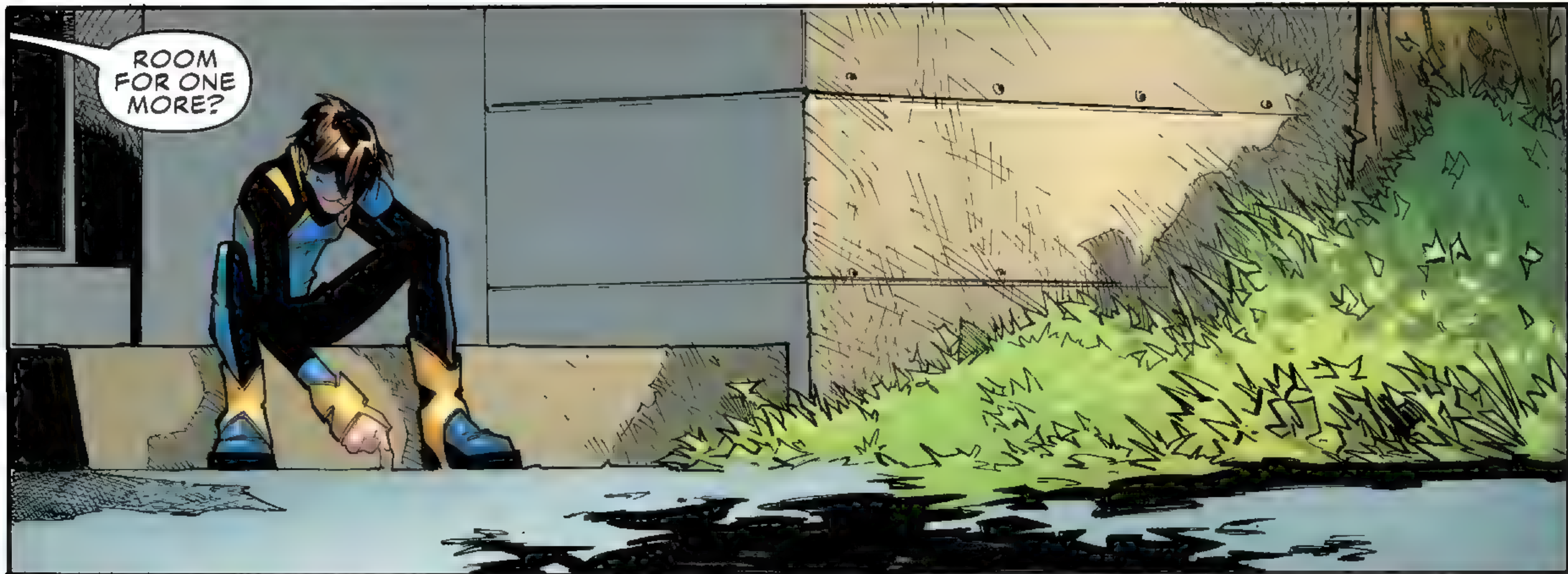
YOU CAN SENSE ME INSIDE THE INTERNET JUST AS I CAN SENSE YOU.

DO NOT MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF.

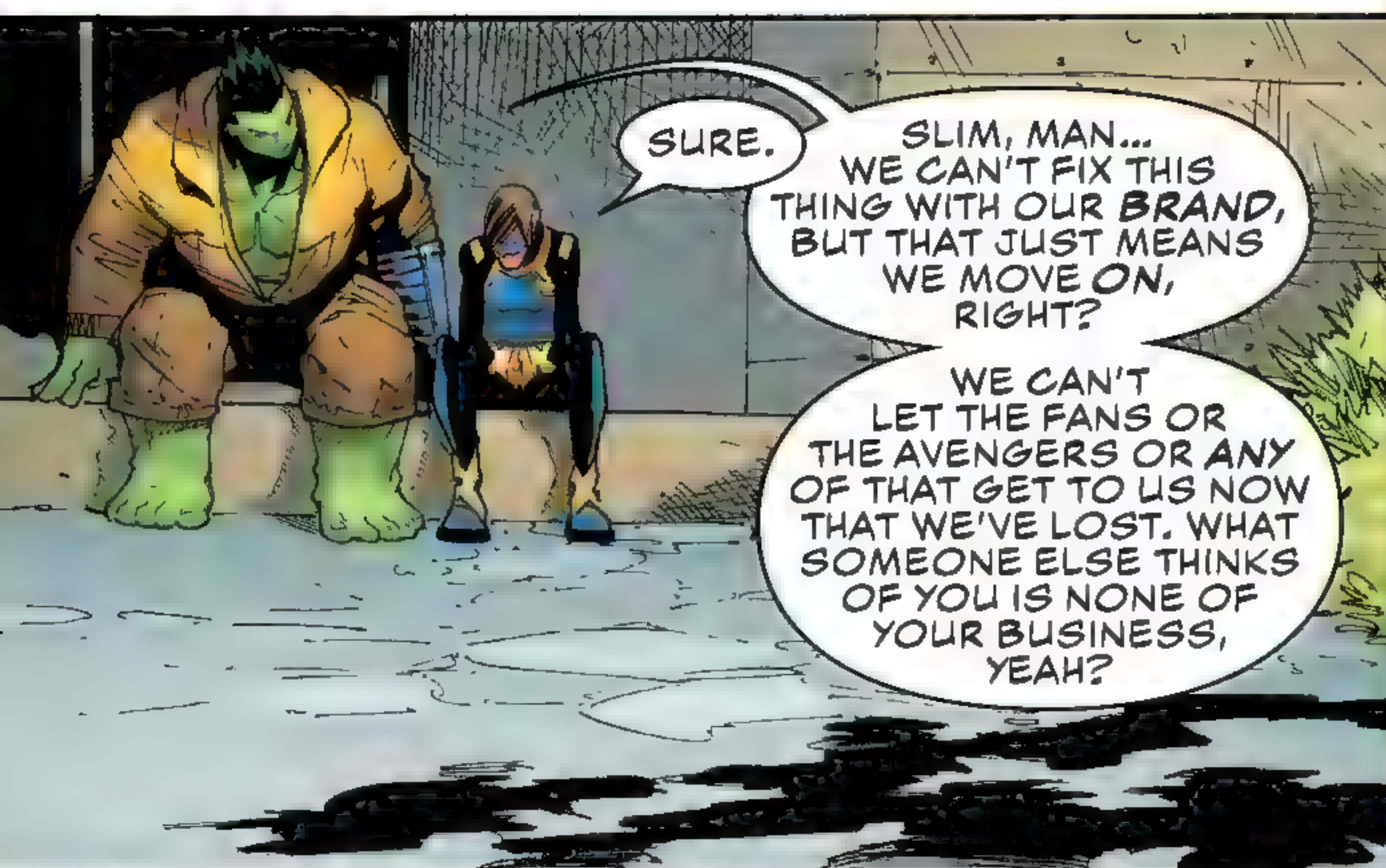


MY FRIENDS NEED ME. ARE WE, IN FACT, UNDER SCRUTINY BY THE AVENGERS?

OH, YES.



ROOM
FOR ONE
MORE?



SURE.

SLIM, MAN...
WE CAN'T FIX THIS
THING WITH OUR **BRAND**,
BUT THAT JUST MEANS
WE MOVE ON,
RIGHT?

WE CAN'T
LET THE FANS OR
THE AVENGERS OR ANY
OF THAT GET TO US NOW
THAT WE'VE LOST. WHAT
SOMEONE ELSE THINKS
OF YOU IS NONE OF
YOUR BUSINESS,
YEAH?



I DON'T THINK IT'S
THAT **SIMPLE** IN
OUR CASE.

IF PEOPLE THINK THEY CAN'T
TRUST US, THE NEXT STEP IS
"HATED AND FEARED." BELIEVE
ME, YOU DON'T WANT
TO GO THERE.

SO
THE TEAM MIGHT
SPLIT UP OVER
THIS?

MAYBE.



YOU AND
I WILL STILL
BE FRIENDS,
RIGHT?



YOU
AND
ME?



THAT'S
WHAT I
SAID.

I
THOUGHT
YOU BARELY
TOLERATED
ME.

I
THOUGHT
YOU BARELY
TOLERATED
ME.



COME ON.
YOU HAVE ANY
TRAINING ROBOTS IN
THIS PLACE? THERE'S
SOMETHING I'VE
BEEN WANTING
TO TRY.



YES! WE
NEED A NAME
FOR THIS
MOVE!

HOW
ABOUT THE
FASTBALL
SPECIAL?

UMMM...
BAD NEWS,
SLIM...

24 HOURS LATER.



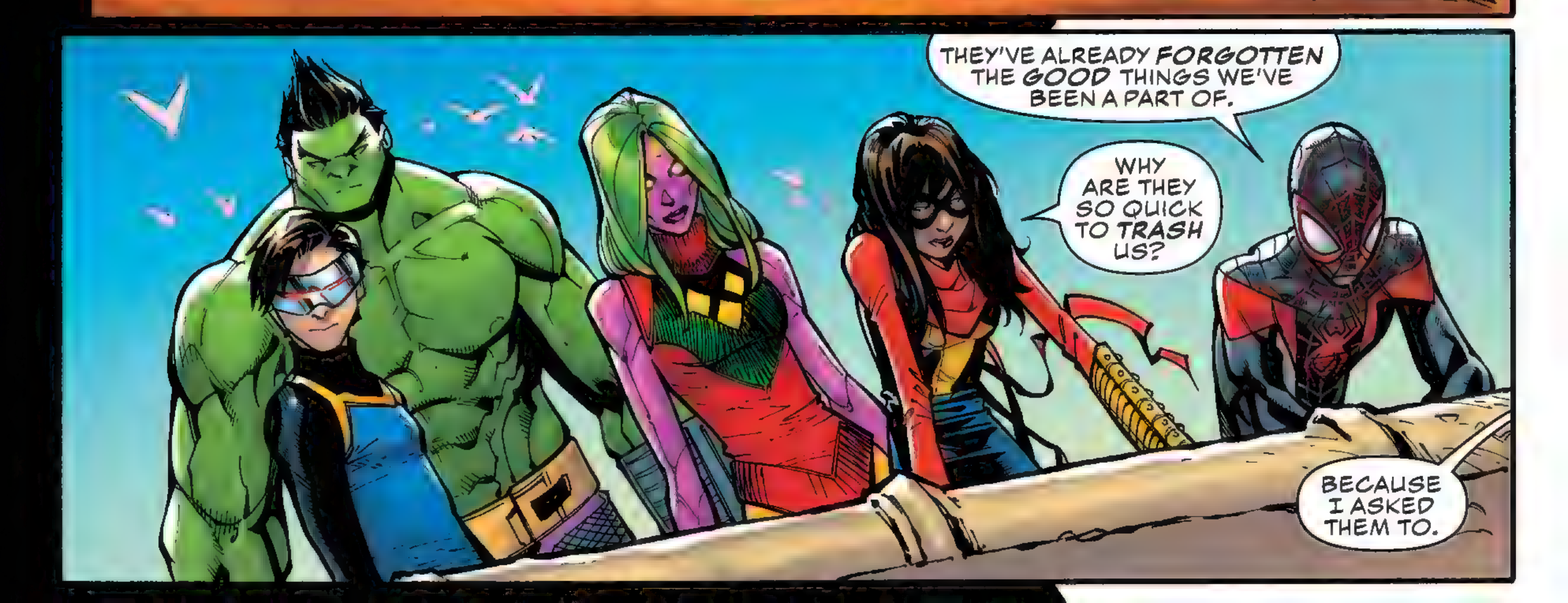
A group of five people are standing on a rooftop. From left to right: a large green muscular man, a woman with long black hair in a red and black outfit, a woman with long blonde hair in a pink and red outfit, a man in a blue and yellow suit with a spider emblem, and Spider-Man in his red and blue suit. They are looking down at a city street. Spider-Man is kneeling on the rooftop edge, looking towards the street.

I CALLED YOU
HERE BECAUSE
THERE'S A RALLY.
CHECK
IT.



A large crowd of people is gathered on a city street. In the center, a man in a white polo shirt with a red 'C' logo is holding a brown bag. To his right, a large fire is burning in a pile of debris. The crowd consists of people of various ages and ethnicities, some looking at the fire with concern. The background shows city buildings.

"LOOK AT WHAT
ALL THOSE PEOPLE
THINK OF THE
CHAMPIONS NOW."



The same group of five people from the first panel are on the rooftop. The green man is on the left, followed by the man in the blue and yellow suit, the woman with blonde hair, the woman with black hair, and Spider-Man on the right. They are looking down at the city street. Spider-Man is holding a red and yellow striped object.

THEY'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN
THE GOOD THINGS WE'VE
BEEN A PART OF.

WHY
ARE THEY
SO QUICK
TO TRASH
US?

BECAUSE
I ASKED
THEM TO.



YOU WHAT NOW?

CHECK YOUR PHONES. I DROPPED SOME TRUTH ALL OVER OUR SOCIAL MEDIA.

HI! SEE THIS?

THAT CHAMPIONS MERCHANDISE YOU'VE ALL BEEN WEARING? HOW OUR SYMBOL'S FOR SALE NOW ON BACKPACKS AND HOODIES AND BRACELETS AND WHATEVER?

HOW IT'S BECOME A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR CASH MACHINE?

IT'S ALL GARBAGE.

THIS ISN'T US. WE DO NOT ENDORSE THIS. WE WOULD NEVER, EVER PUT A PRICE TAG ON WHAT THIS SYMBOL MEANS TO ALL OF US.

FWOMP

YEAH, WE GOT MERCHANDISED. SOMEBODY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF US, AND WE'RE SORRY THAT HAPPENED, BUT WE'RE GONNA FIGHT BACK. AND YOU CAN, TOO.

SO WHAT IF THIS IS SOMEONE'S TRADEMARK NOW? A TRADEMARK ISN'T A MOVEMENT.

BOYCOTT THIS JUNK. IF YOU WANT TO SPEND MONEY, I'M GOING TO LINK TO SOME SOLID CHARITIES YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT. AND BLAST THIS VIDEO WIDE.

DON'T BE A TARGET FOR SOME SKEEVES OUT TO MAKE A FAST BUCK. JUST BE YOURSELF.

BE A CHAMPION.



THAT WAS
AWESOME!



HWUFF!

WHY DIDN'T WE THINK TO DO THAT? CALL FOR A BOYCOTT?

BECAUSE WE WERE TOO BUSY HAVING A PITY PARTY.



I LOVE YOU!

WE JUST ASSUMED WE'D BEEN BEATEN.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO DIDN'T GIVE UP, DUDE. THAT WAS SAVAGE.

WE OWE YOU ONE.



I LOVE YOU!



WE'RE FAM. YOU OWE ME ZERO.

WE'RE ALL PART OF THE SAME TEAM. I HEARD THAT IN AN OLD MOVIE ONCE.

I LOVE YOU!



DO WE KNOW IF NOVA'S SPEECH ACTUALLY SERVED ITS FUNCTION? IS IT POSSIBLE OUR "FANS" ARE STILL ANGRY AND BURNING US IN EFFIGY?

ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT. READY?



'SUP! WHO WANTS TO MEET A CHAMPION FACE-TO-FACE?

THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!

SAY HI TO OUR FAN CLUB, SLIM!

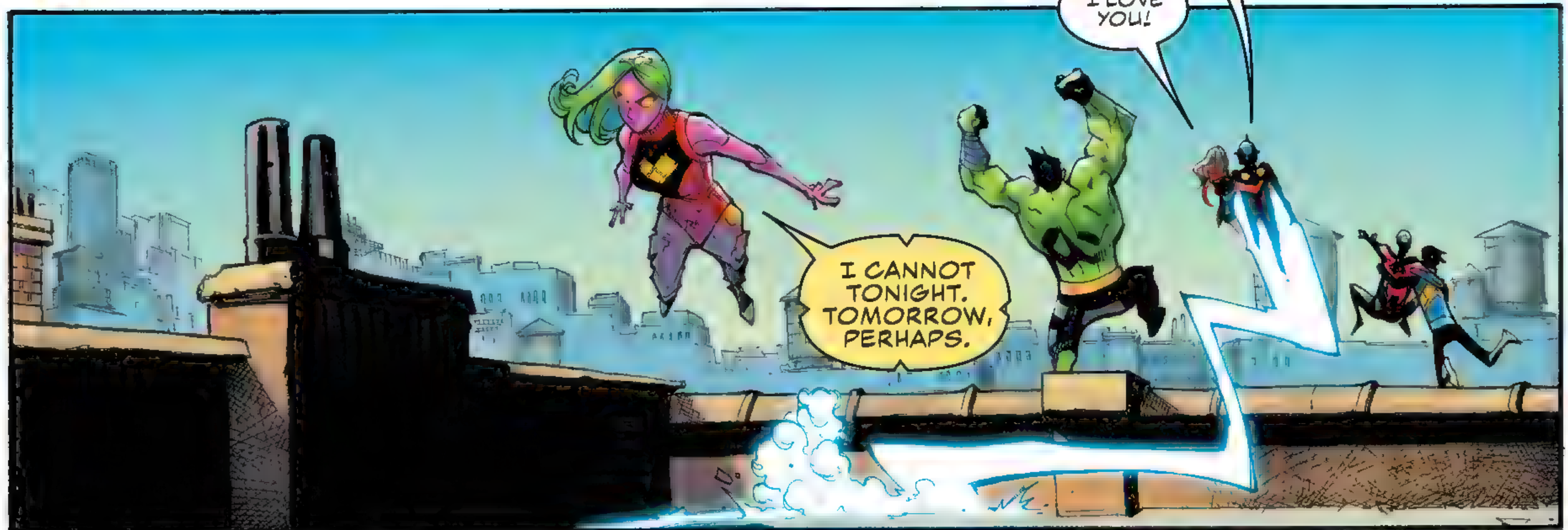


IF THAT'S ANY INDICATION, I'D SAY BUCKETHEAD GOT HIS MESSAGE OUT JUST FINE!

"A TRADEMARK ISN'T A MOVEMENT." I WISH I'D SAID THAT.

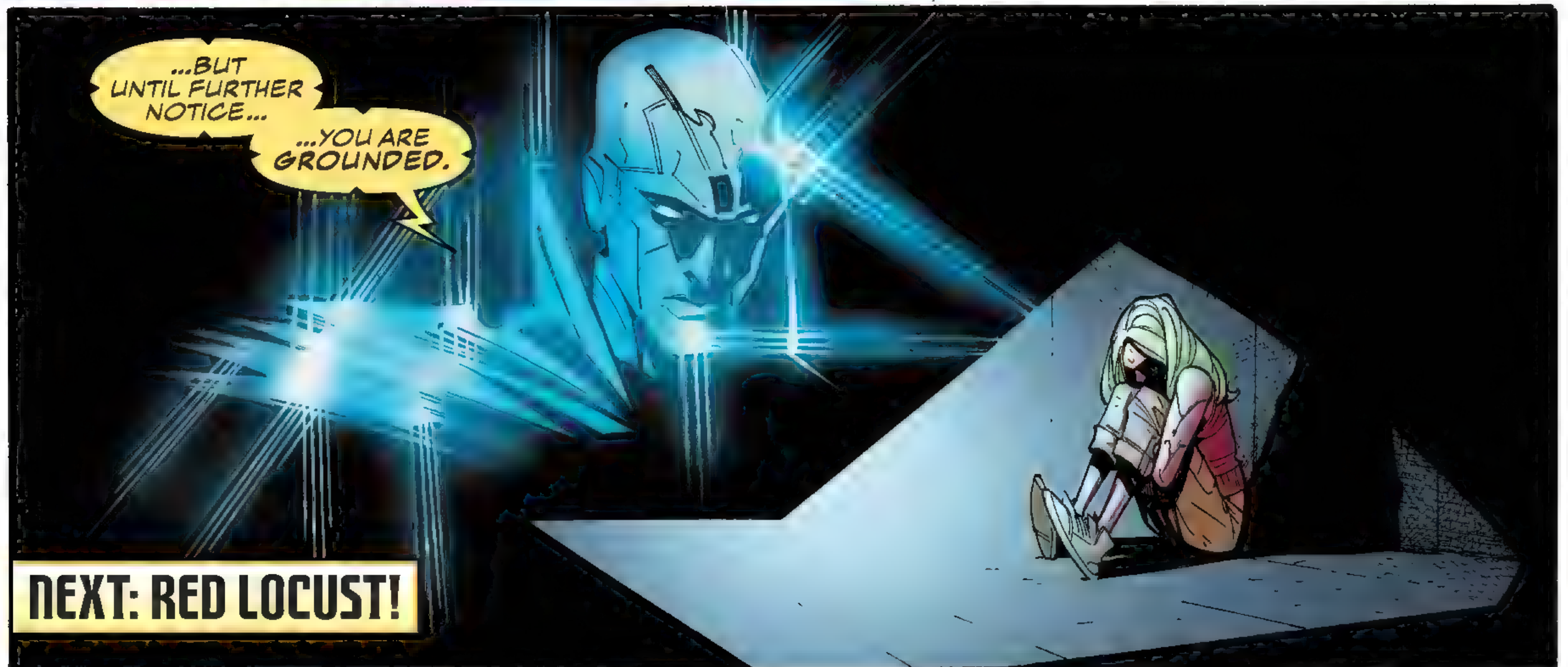
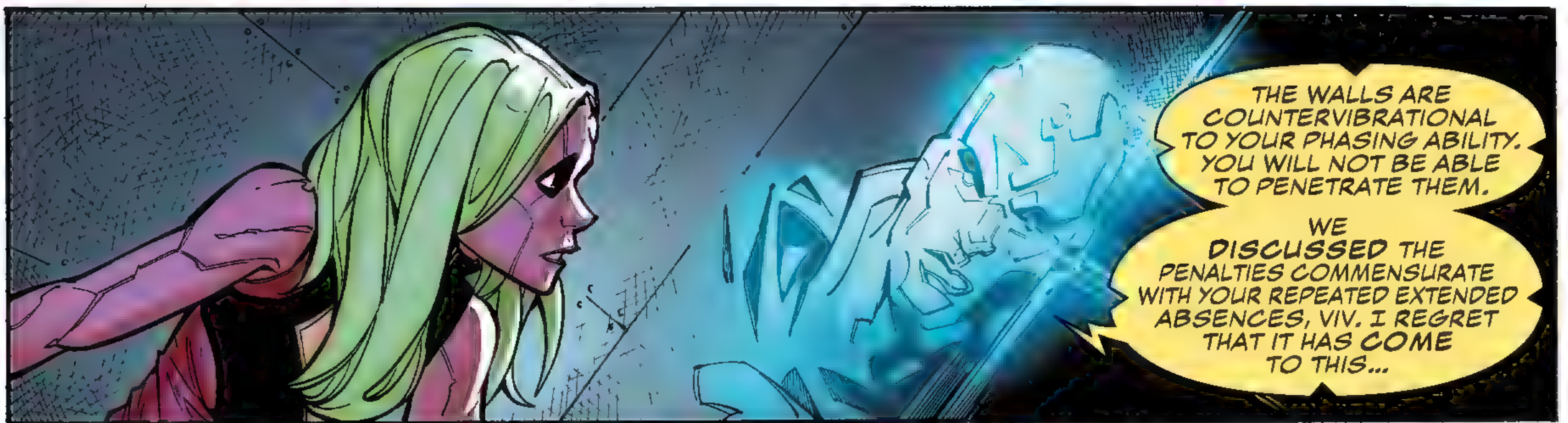
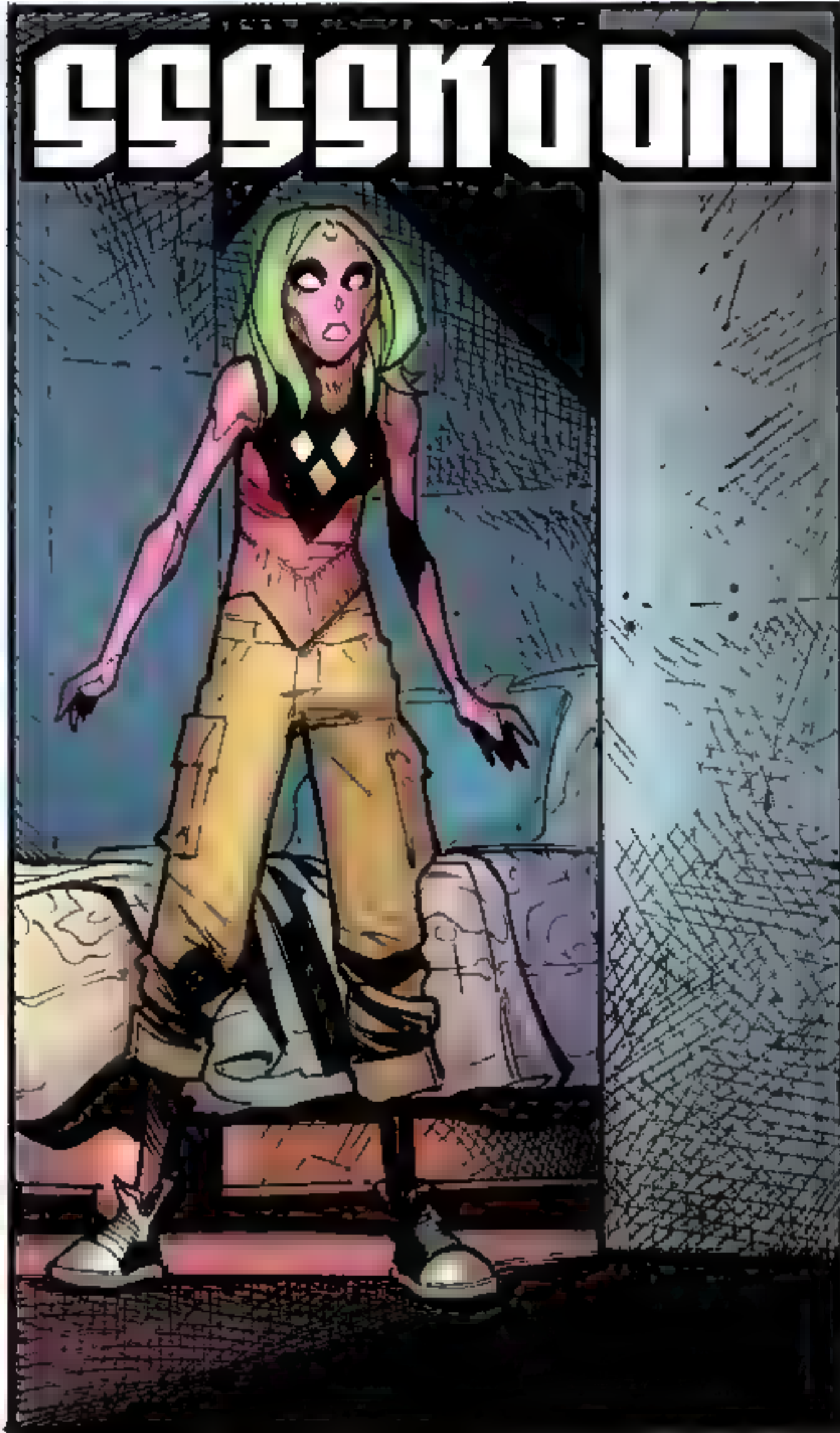
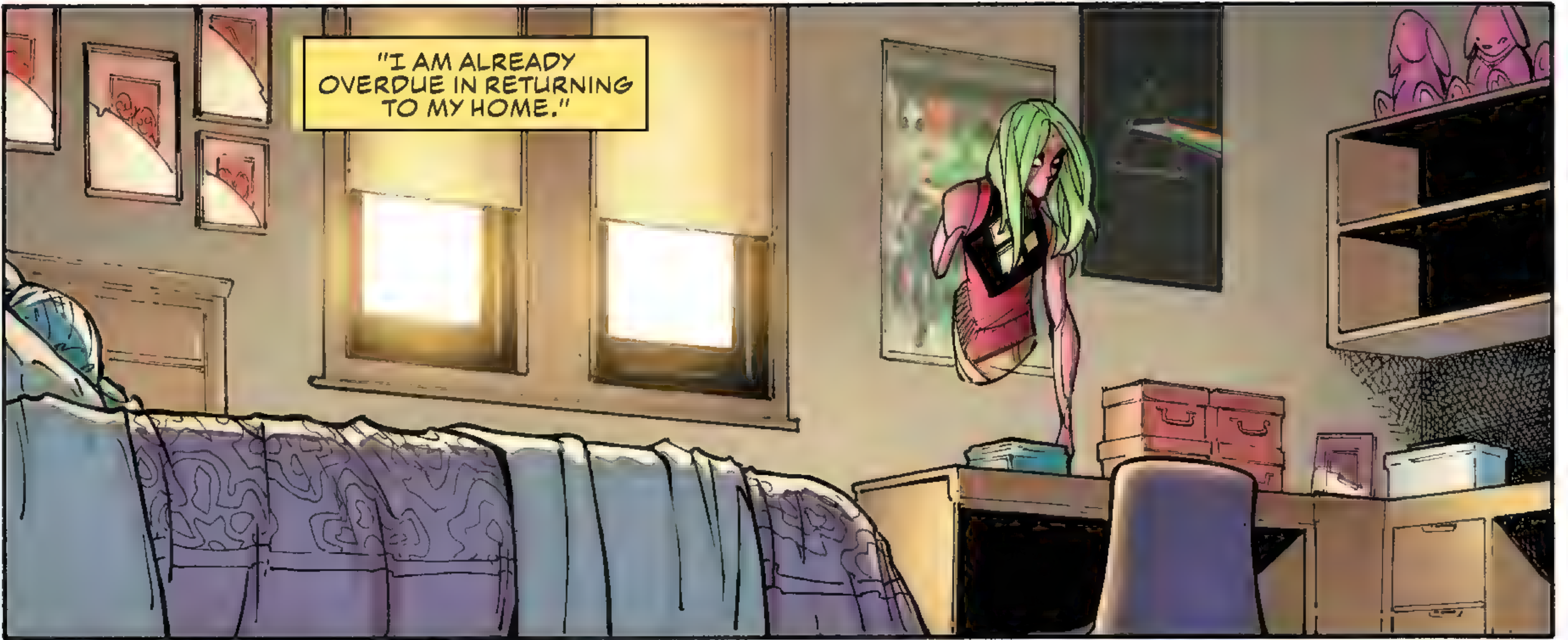
I LOVE YOU!

EVERYBODY TO AMADEUS' SPOT FOR PIZZA!



I LOVE YOU!

I CANNOT TONIGHT. TOMORROW, PERHAPS.



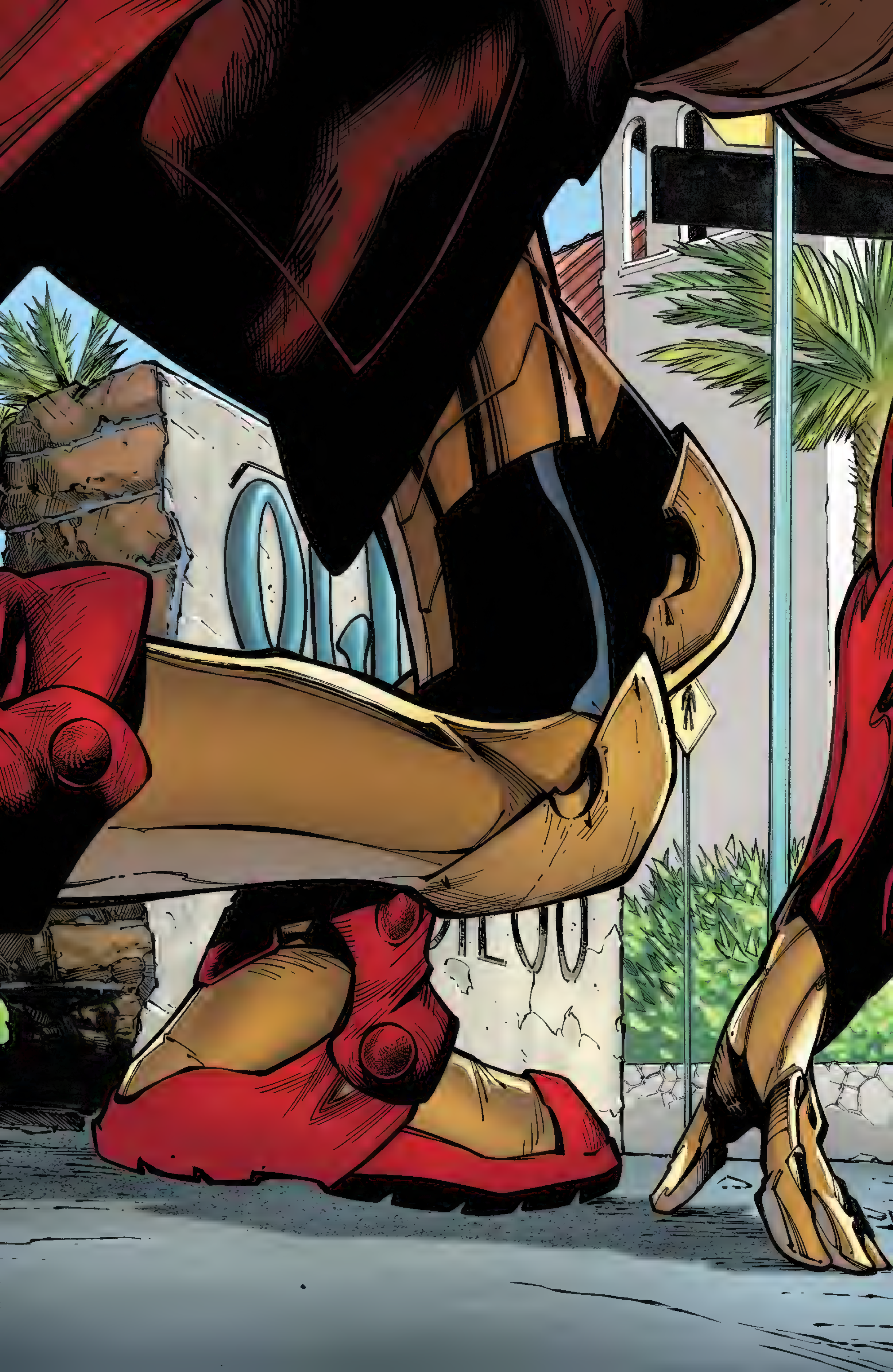
WAID • RAMOS • OLAZABA • DELGADO
BECAUSE THE WORLD STILL NEEDS HEROES!

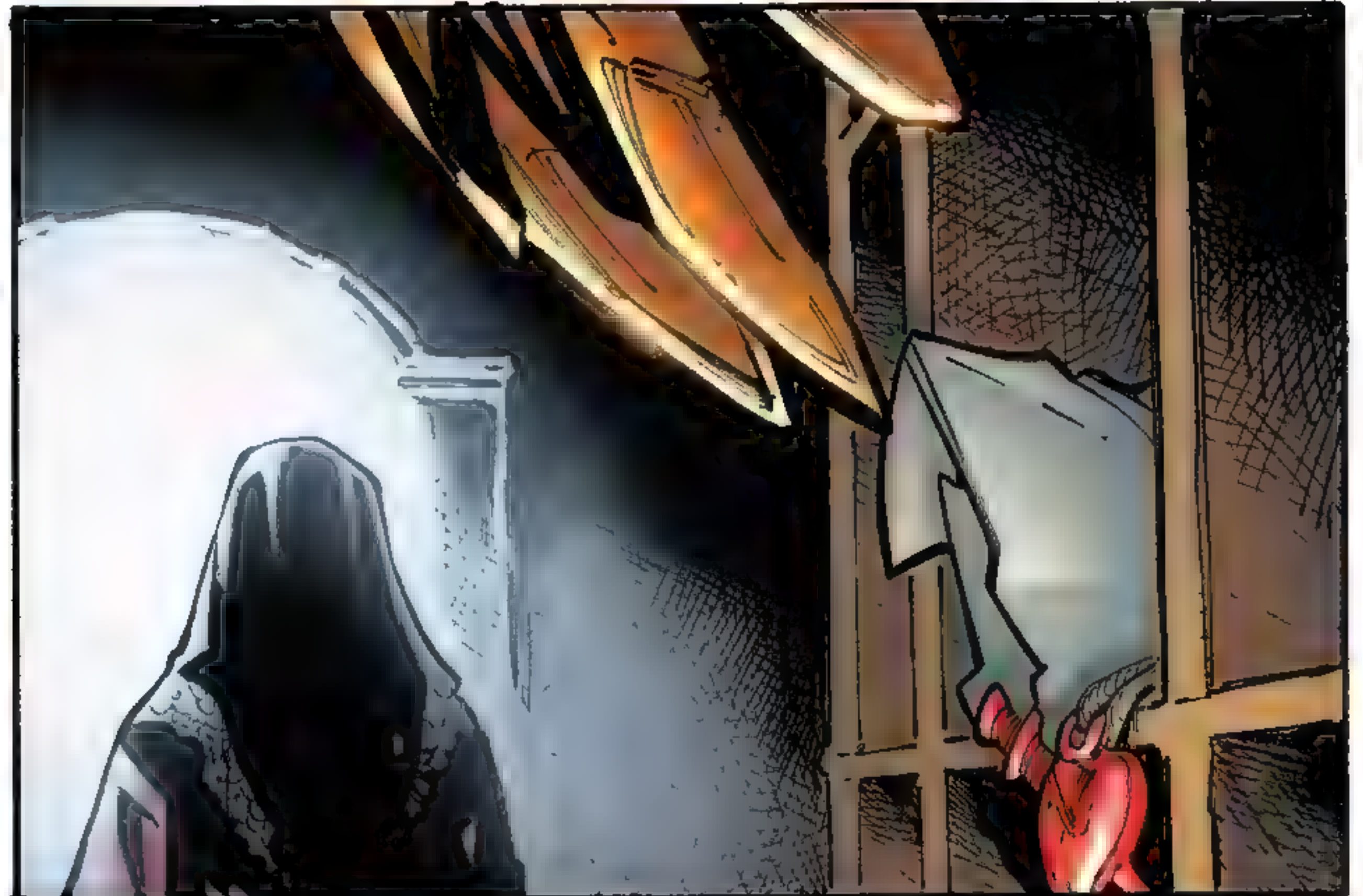
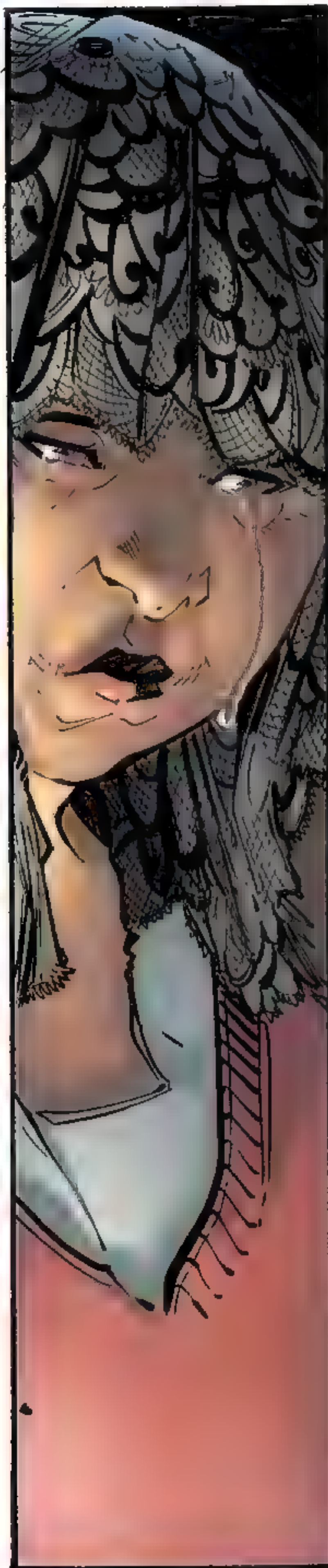
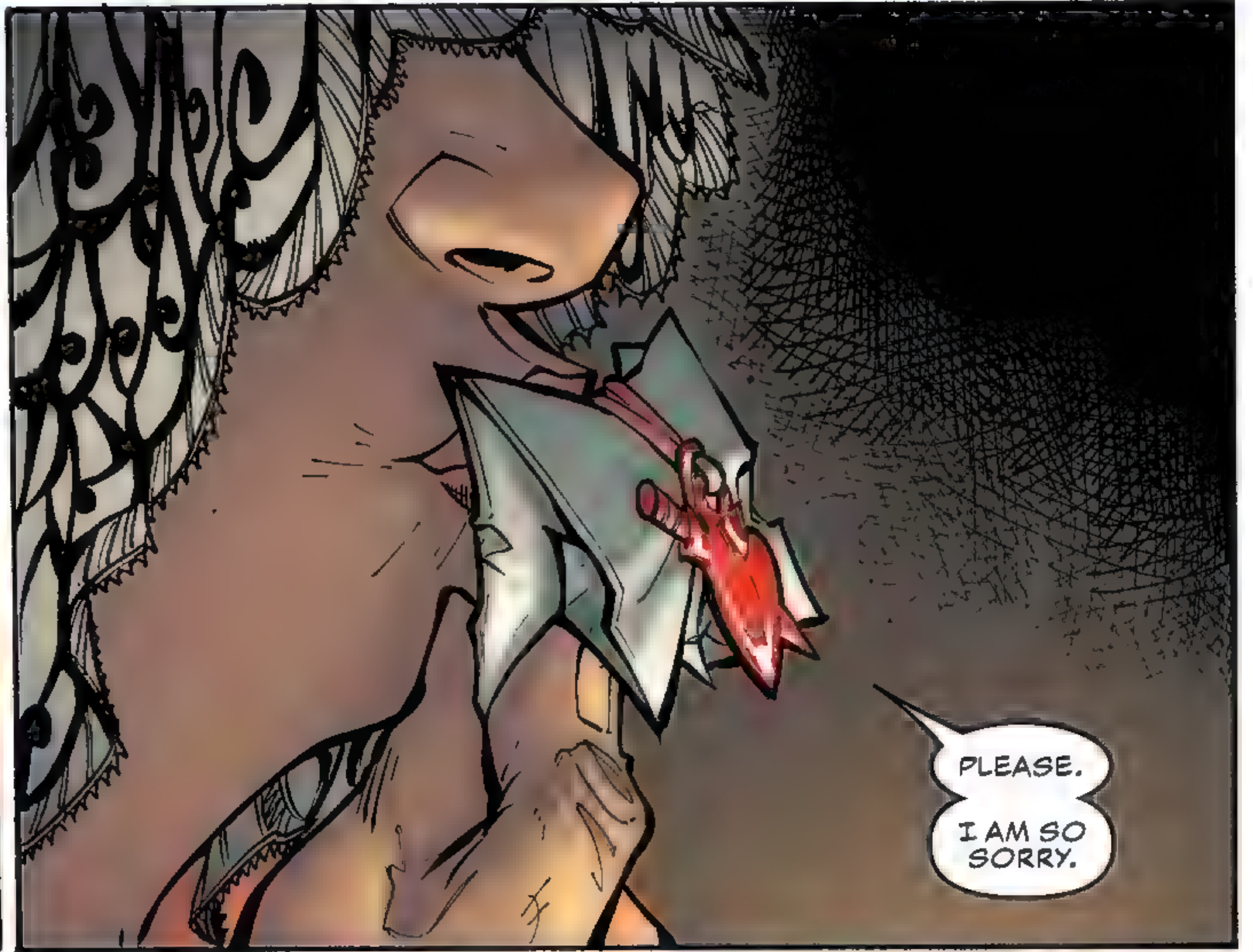
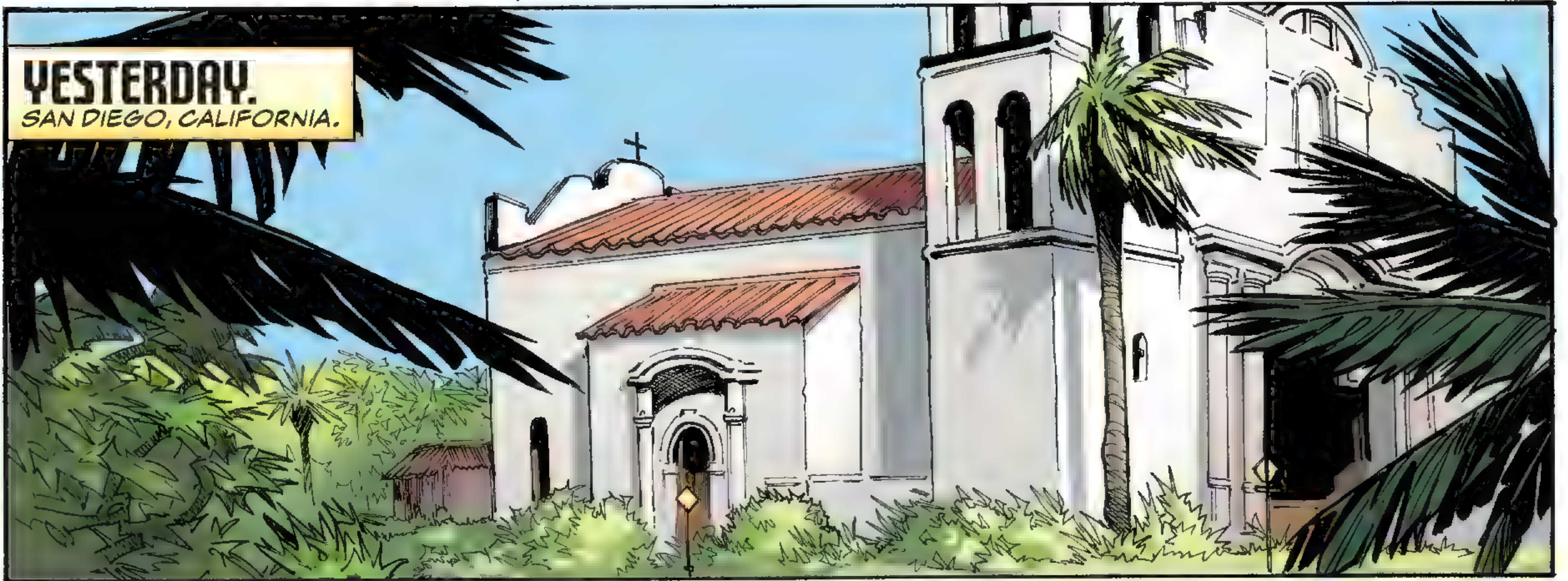
MARVEL

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RAMOS 17





YESTERDAY.
OLYMPUS BASE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS.

GOD,
I USED TO
LOVE THIS
SHOW!

HONOR
AND SELF-WORTH
COME FROM WITHIN.
THAT WAS MY
TAKEAWAY.

STILL
LEARNING.

REMEMBER
THE CACTUS
JUICE?

SECRET TUNNEL!
SECRET TUNNEL!
THROUGH THE
MOUNTAIN!



WHAT
ABOUT YOU,
SLIM? WHAT'D
YOU WATCH
GROWING
UP?

NOT MUCH,
TO BE HONEST.
PROFESSOR X'S SCHOOL
WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD
A ROOF OVER MY HEAD
SINCE CHILDHOOD, AND
THERE WASN'T MUCH
TIME FOR TV.

OH! I LIKED
SEINFELD!

WHAT?

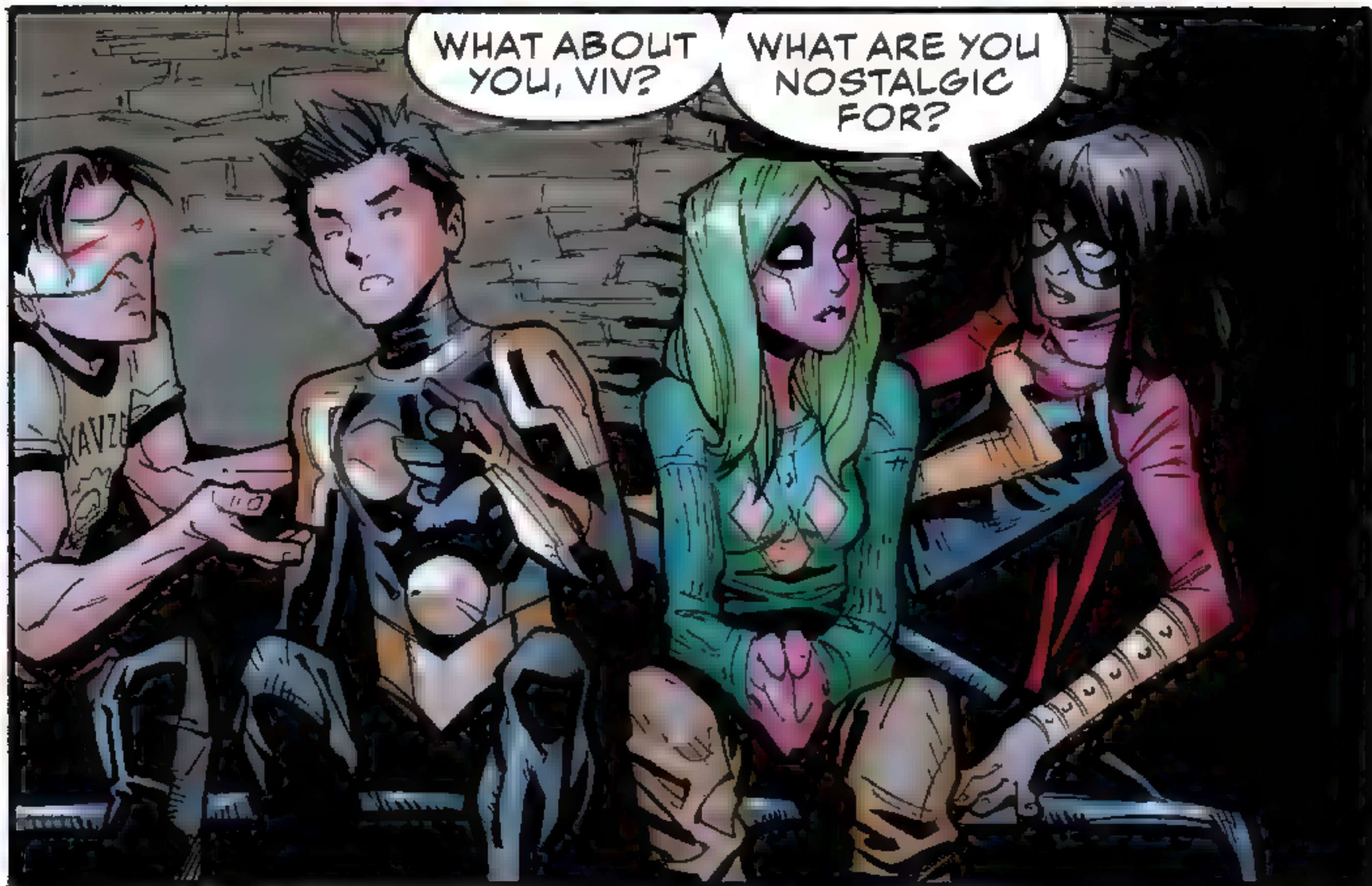




YOU'RE AN OLD MAN.

NO. I GOT SHUTTLED HERE FROM THE PAST AND I CAN'T GO HOME.

YOU WERE AN OLD MAN THERE, TOO. I'M SURE OF IT.



WHAT ABOUT YOU, VIV?

WHAT ARE YOU NOSTALGIC FOR?



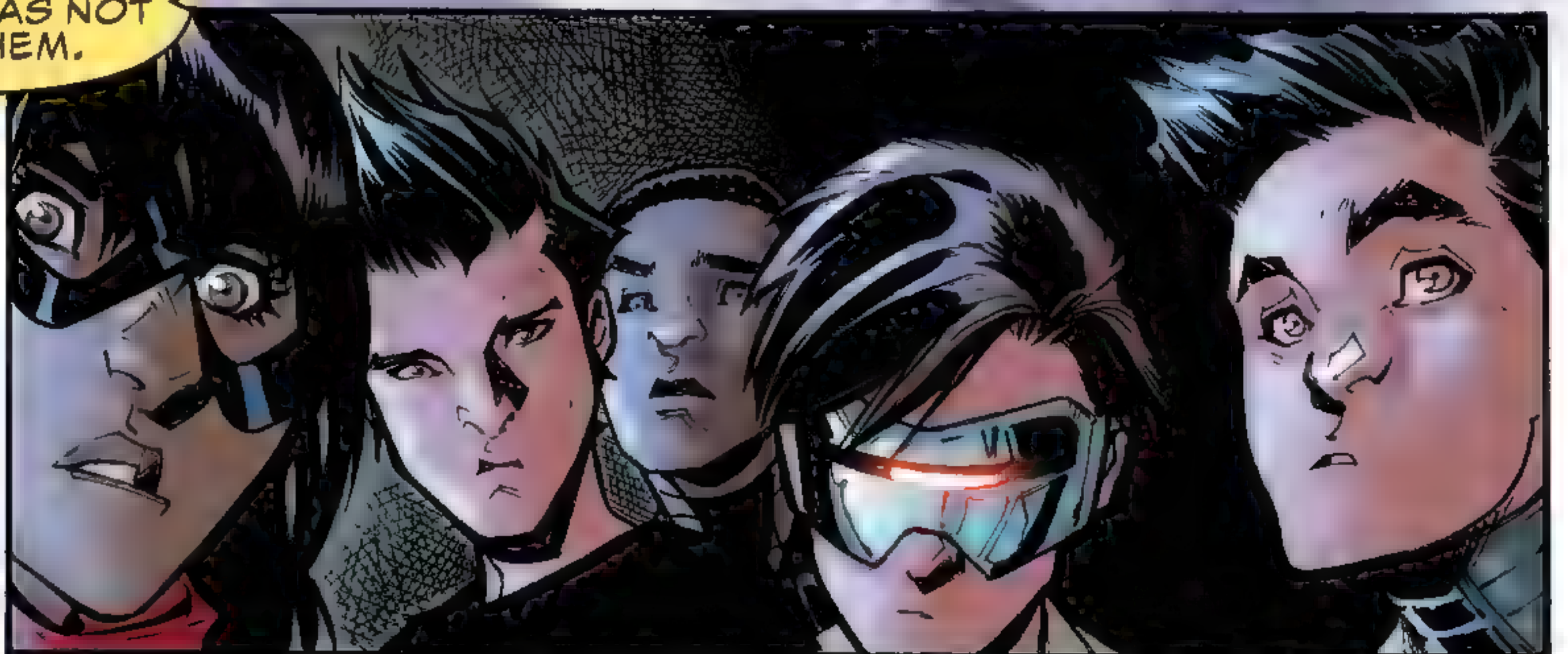
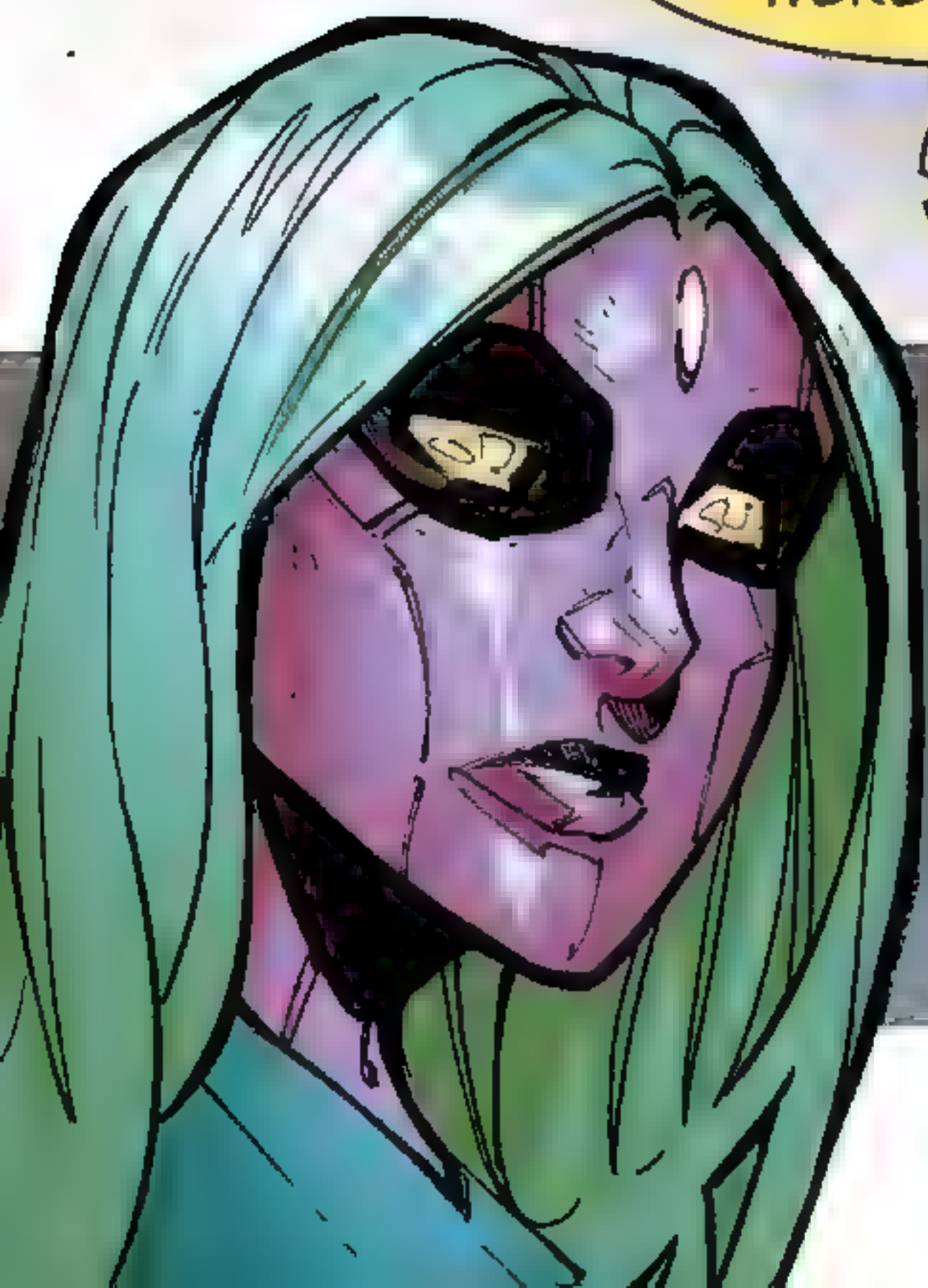
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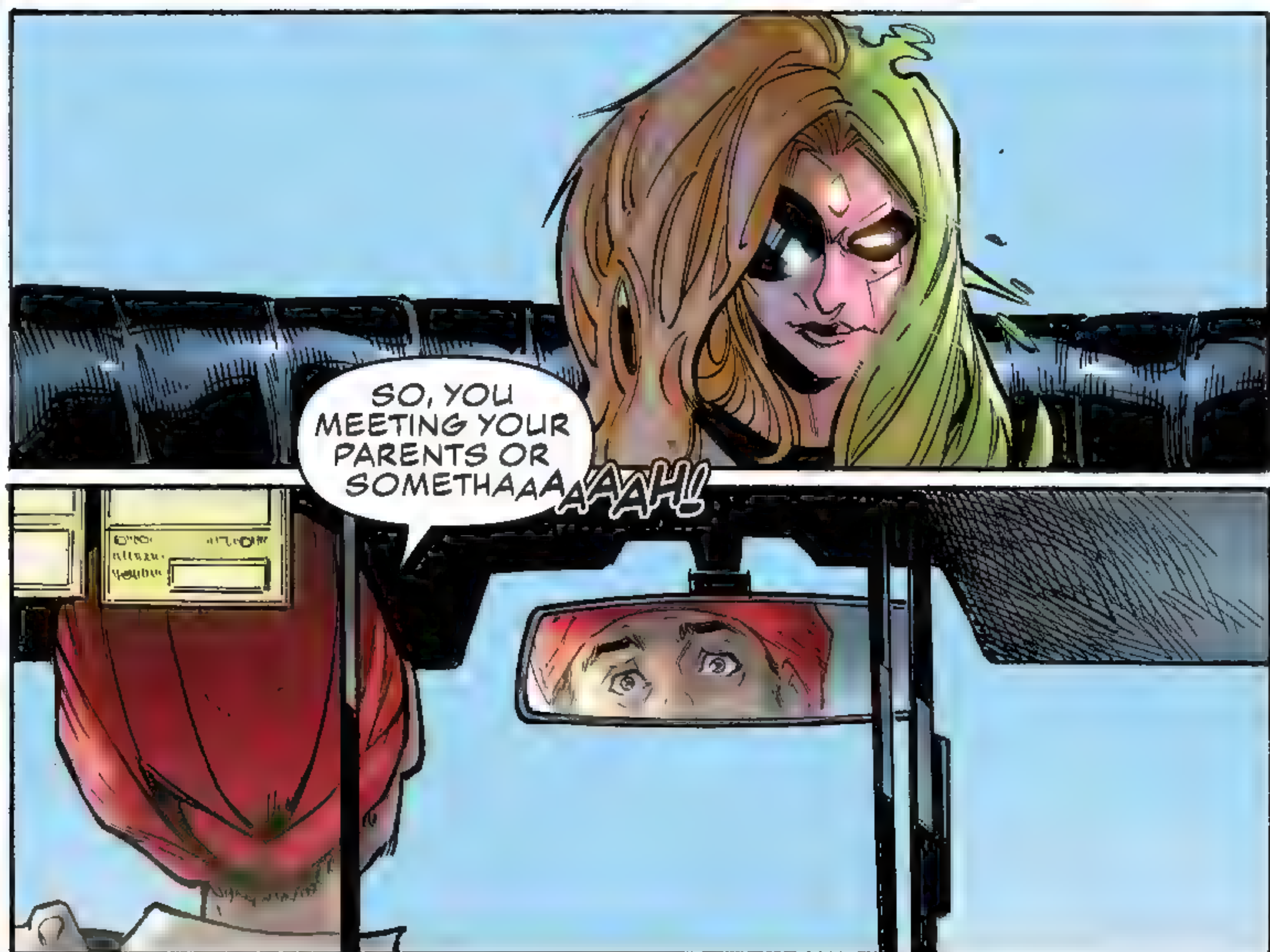
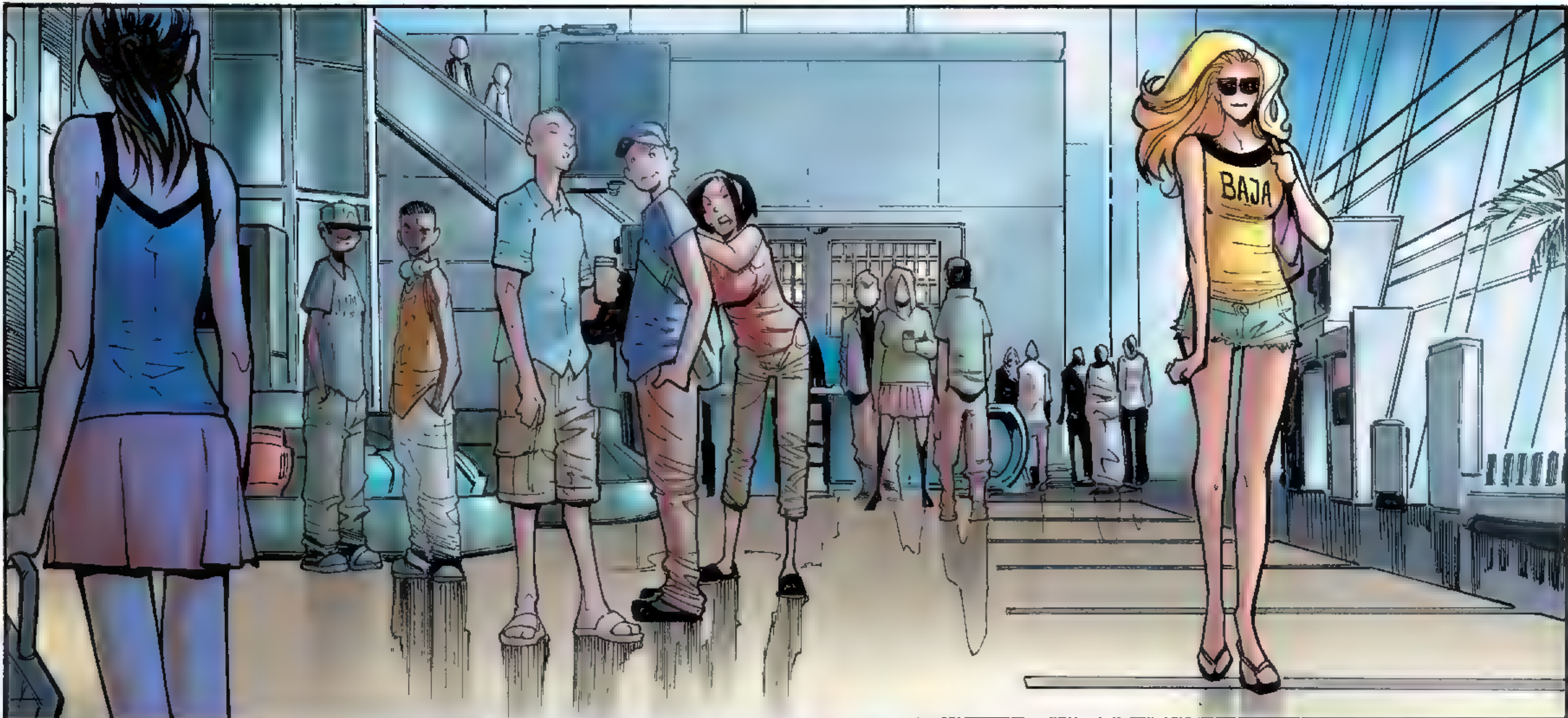


I WAS CREATED BY MY FATHER LESS THAN A YEAR AGO.

HE IMPLANTED WITHIN ME CERTAIN SOCIETAL SKILLS BEFORE MY MOTHER AND BROTHER WERE TERMINATED.

UNFORTUNATELY, SEEKING JOY INSIDE MEMORIES WAS NOT ONE OF THEM.







I APOLOGIZE FOR ABRUPTLY DEACTIVATING THE ILLUSION POWERS OF MY GEM.

I HAVE NEVER FLOWN BEFORE.

I ASSUMED THAT, IN THESE TIMES OF HEIGHTENED SECURITY, MY FELLOW PASSENGERS NEED NOT BE ALARMED BY MY APPEARANCE.



YOU MADE THE RIGHT CALL.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, SWEETHEART?



VIV VISION. MY FATHER IS THE VISION OF THE AVENGERS. I AM WITH THE CHAMPIONS.

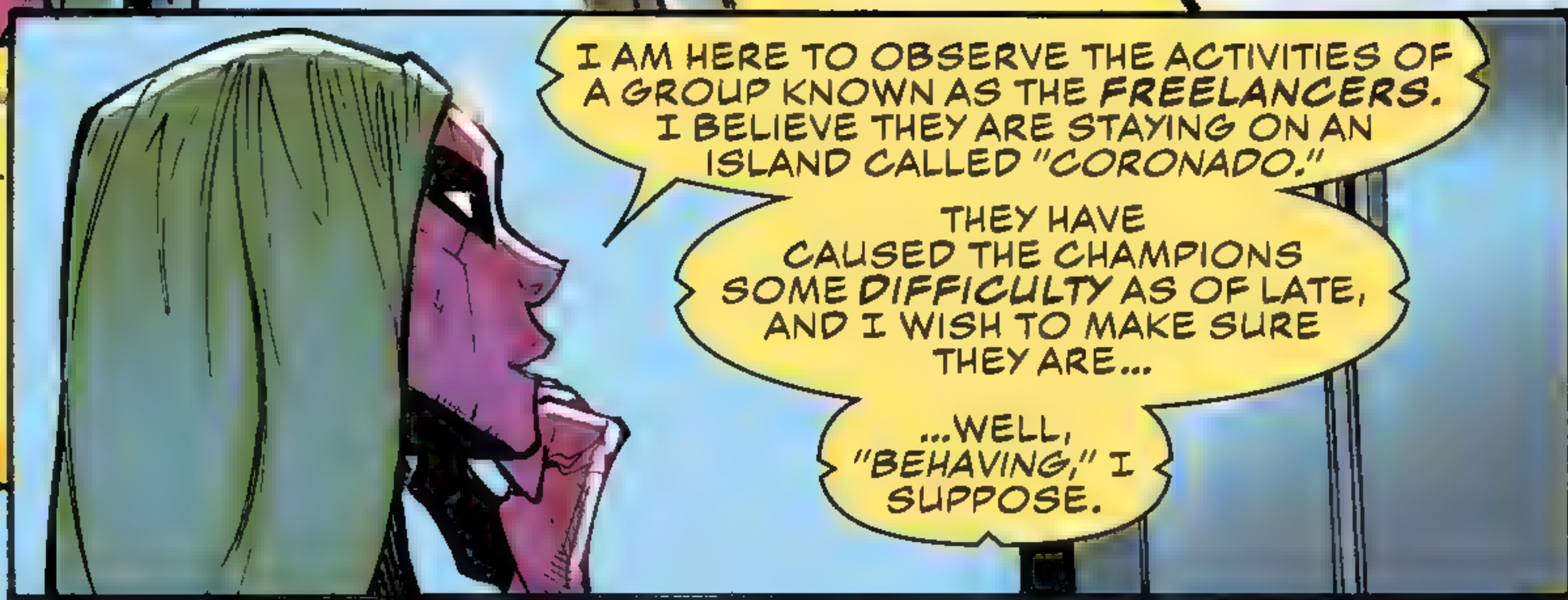
WHAT ELSE DO YOU WISH TO KNOW?



THAT YOU CAN GET BY OUT HERE WITH THAT NAIVE AIR.

MY NAME IS AMAR RAI.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SAN DIEGO? THE CONVENTION ISN'T 'TIL JULY.



I AM HERE TO OBSERVE THE ACTIVITIES OF A GROUP KNOWN AS THE FREELANCERS. I BELIEVE THEY ARE STAYING ON AN ISLAND CALLED "CORONADO."

THEY HAVE CAUSED THE CHAMPIONS SOME DIFFICULTY AS OF LATE, AND I WISH TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE...

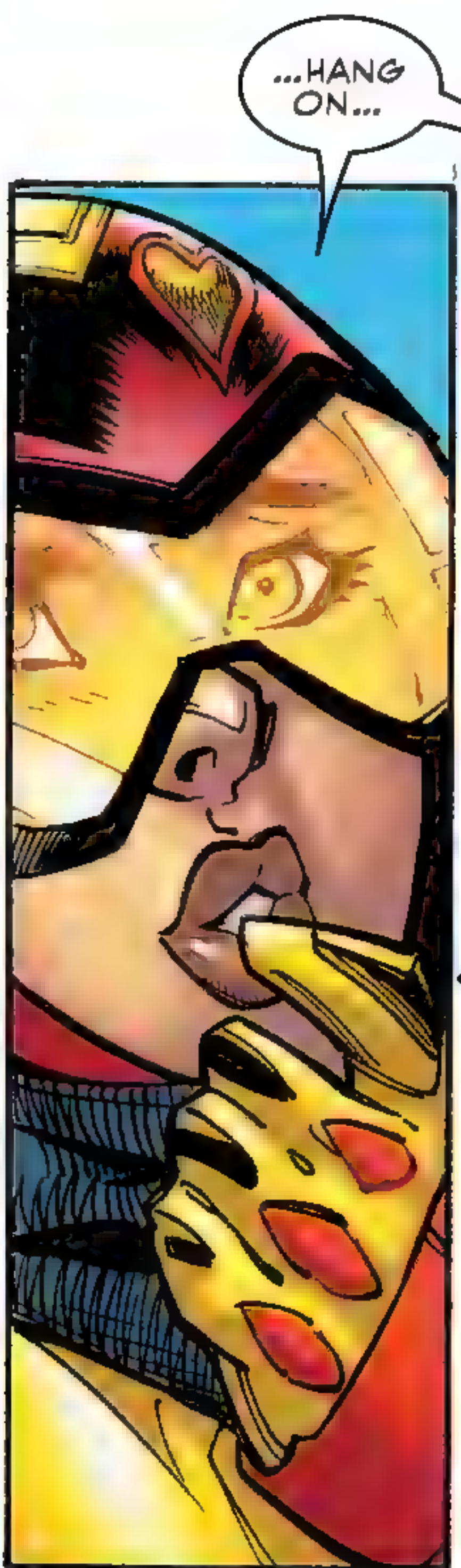
...WELL, "BEHAVING," I SUPPOSE.

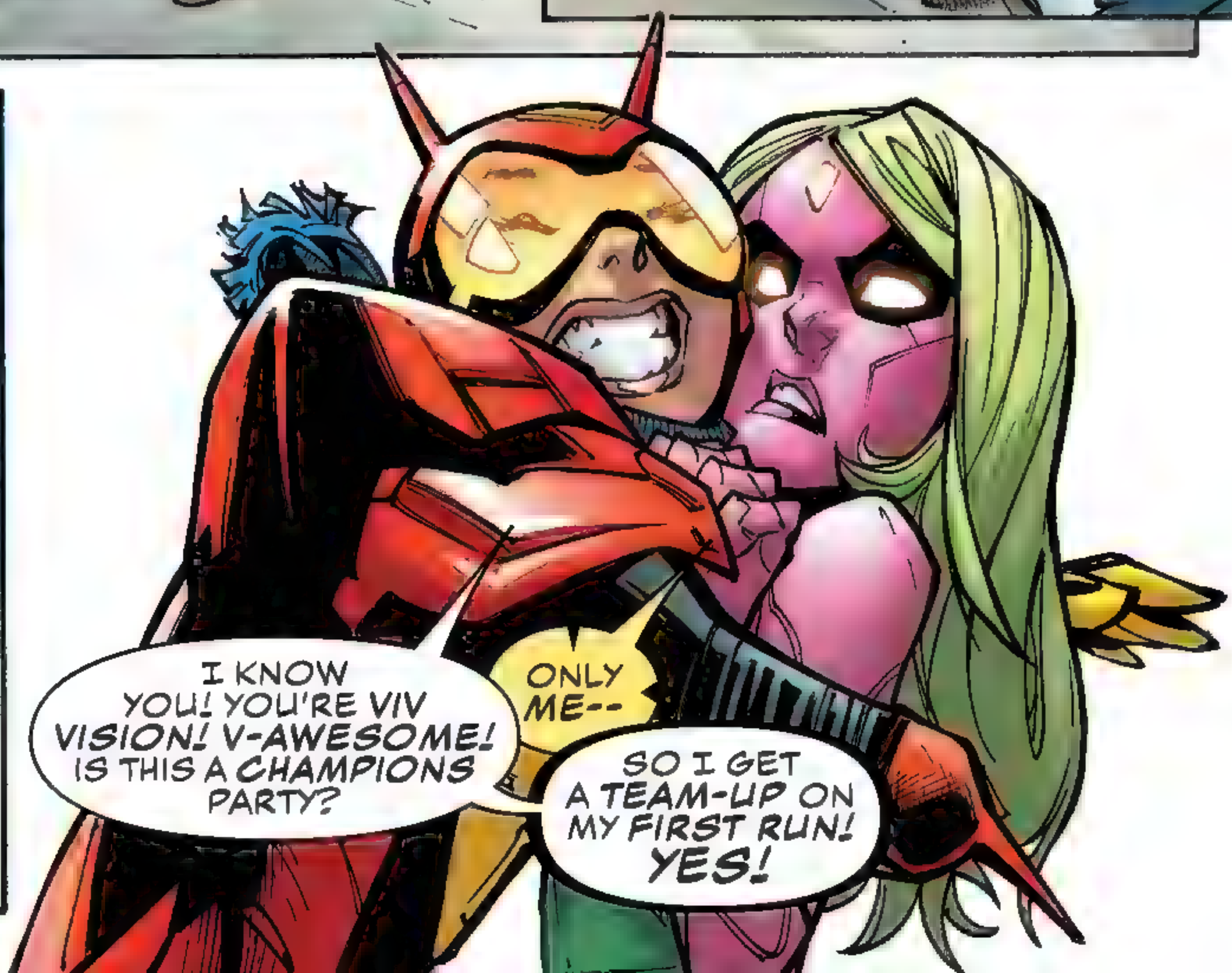
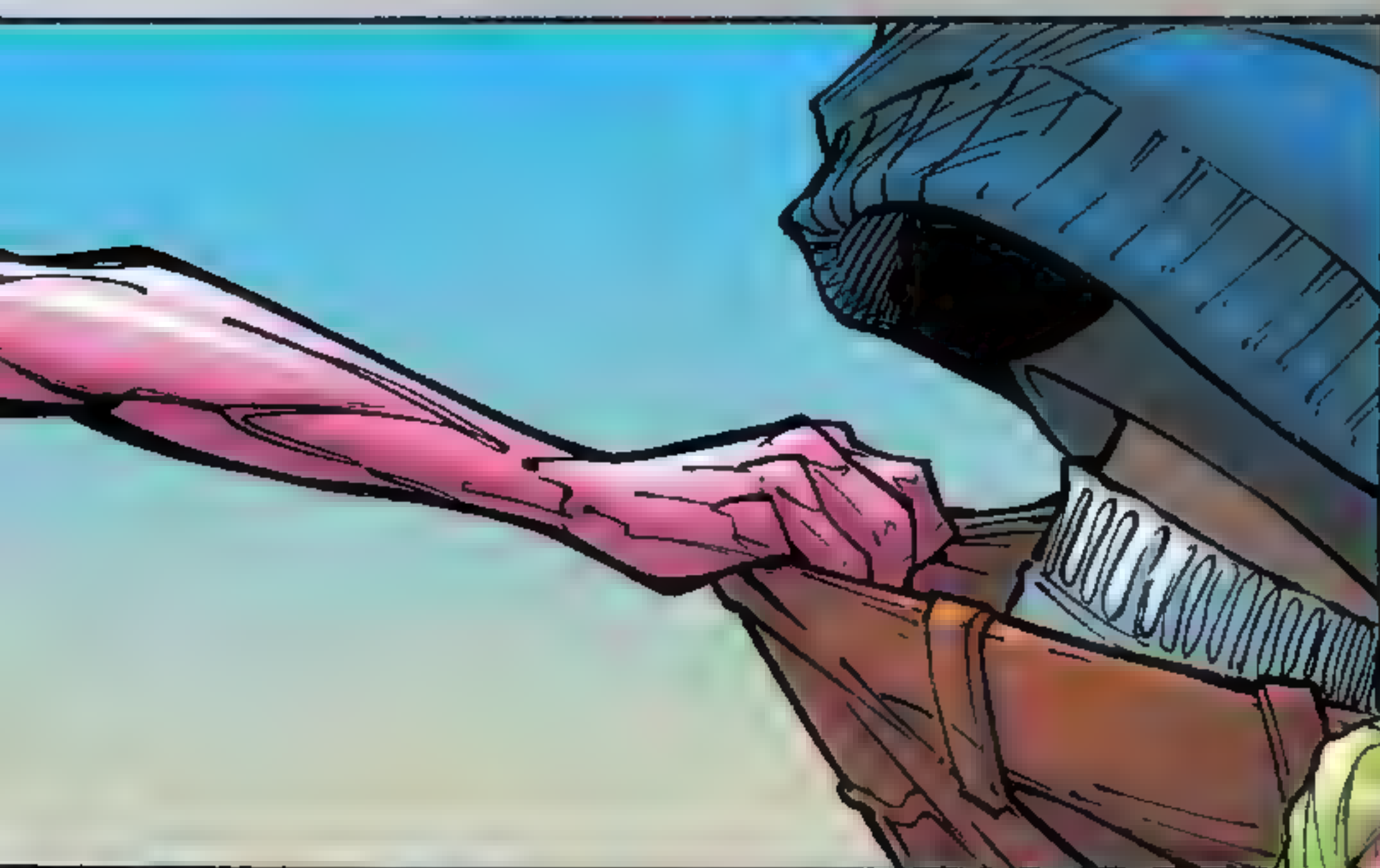
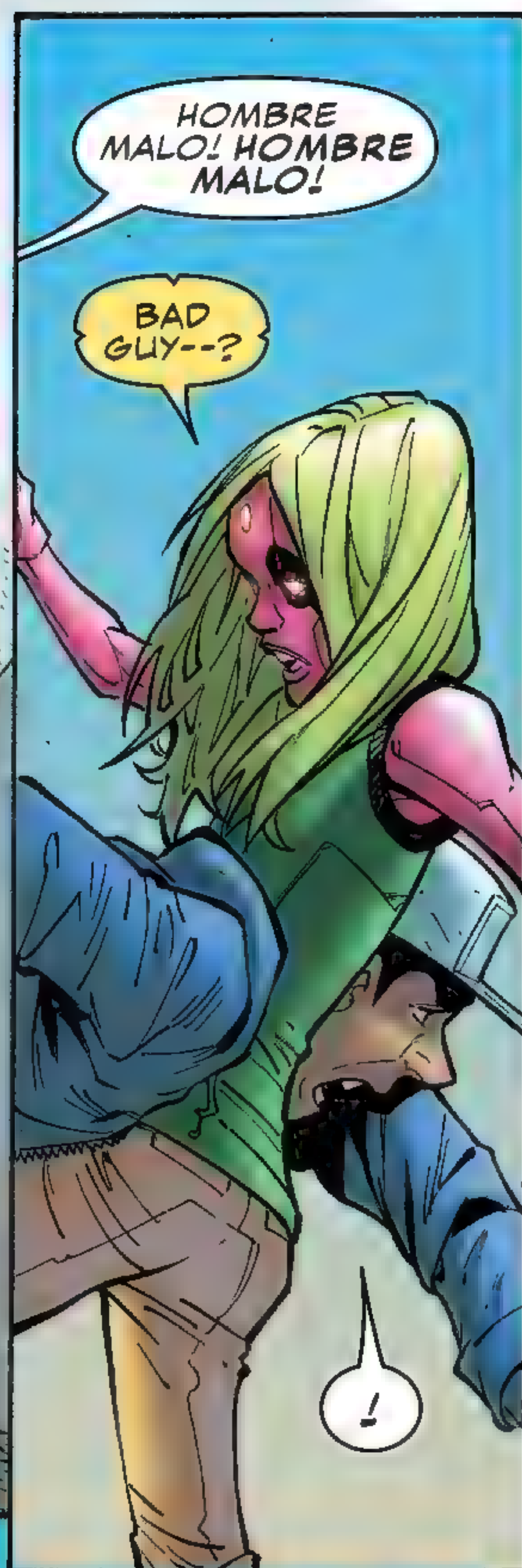


FREELANCERS. AH, YEAH. I'VE HEARD OF 'EM--

WHOAAAA!









'MIGO. I AM
REQUIRED BY TRADITION
TO RECITE THE PROMISE
OF THE RED LOCUST MY
FIRST TIME OUT. YOU
INTERRUPTED.

"...THE NOMADIC
VAGABONDS WHO
ARE VULNERABLE TO
MEN OF PERFIDY
WHO WOULD--"



YOU DON'T
GET IT! HE SENT
ME FOR SUPPLIES!
I HAVE TO GO BACK
TO HIM OR HE'LL
BLOW MY LEG
OFF!

I'M
CHIPPED!
WE'RE ALL
CHIPPED!



HE'S TELLING
THE TRUTH. MY
INTERNAL WI-FI DETECTS
THE INTERFERENCE OF AN
R.F.I.D. CHIP IN HIS LEG. AN
ATTACHED EXPLOSIVE
IS NOT OUT OF THE
QUESTION.

CAN
YOU TRACE THE
SIGNAL?

YES. IT'S
NEARBY.



GOOD. OKAY.
MATEO. I WILL NOT HOLD
AGAINST YOU THE FACT THAT
YOU KEEP INTERRUPTING
MY SACRED
SPEECH.

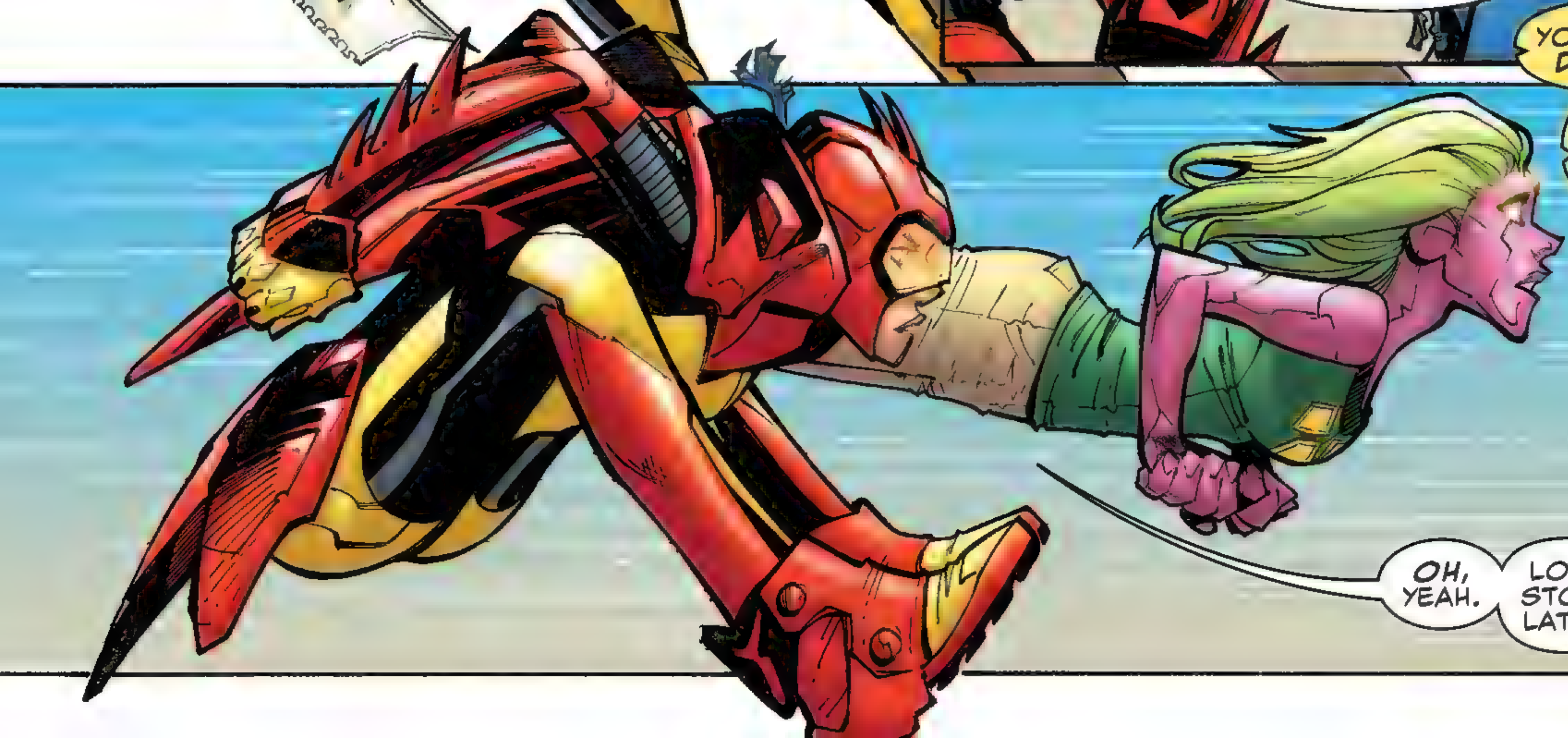
INSTEAD,
I WILL TELL YOU
TO STAY HERE SO
THAT THE MAN WHO DID
THIS TO YOU DOESN'T
KNOW YOU GAVE
HIM UP.

AND THEN,
WHEN WE COME
BACK, WE'RE GOING
HOME TO MAMA.
'KAY?

UH-HUH.

YOU SEEM VERY
DEDICATED.

EVEN
THOUGH THIS
IS NEW TO
YOU.



OH,
YEAH.

LONG
STORY.
LATER.



THAT'S IT, BOYS. DON'T RUSH.



THE PURER THE PRODUCT, THE RICHER THE TAKE.

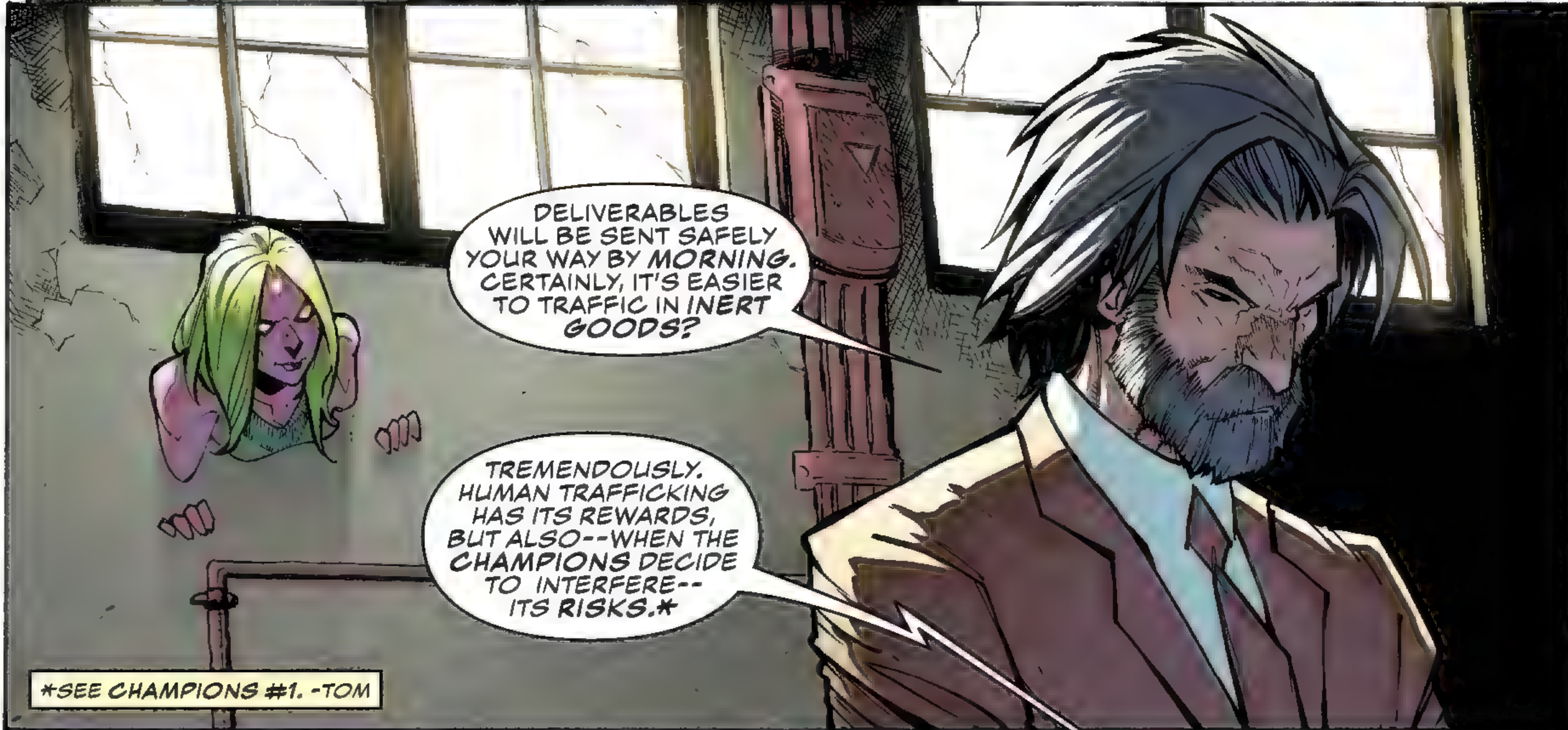
WE'RE NOT RUNNING A BASEMENT METH COOK HERE.

THIS IS A FIRST-CLASS OPERATION.



HOW'S MORALE, MR. GLOOM?

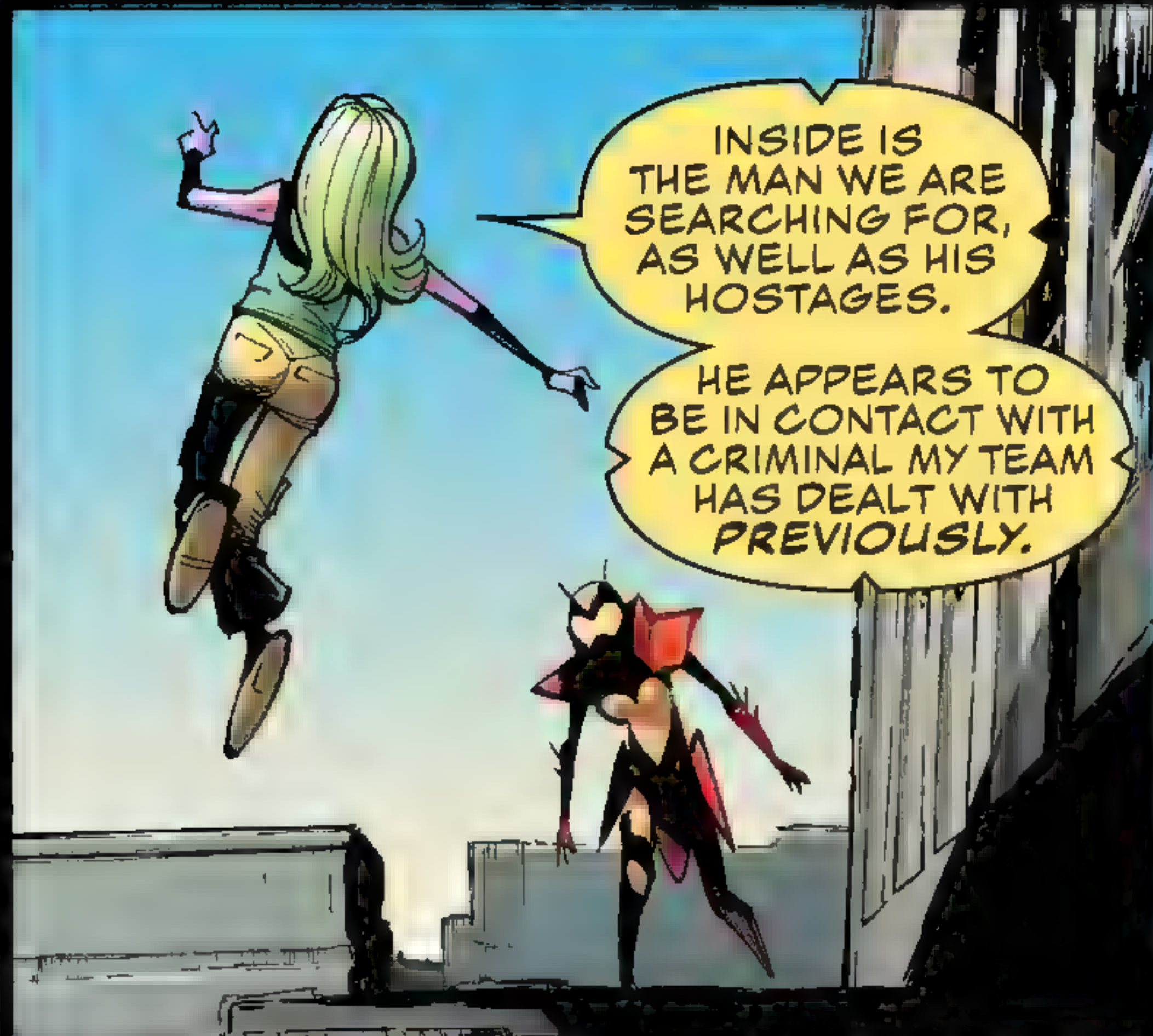
HIGH, I SUPPOSE. OR AT LEAST MOTIVATION IS STRONG.



DELIVERABLES WILL BE SENT SAFELY YOUR WAY BY MORNING. CERTAINLY, IT'S EASIER TO TRAFFIC IN INERT GOODS?

TREMENDOUSLY. HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAS ITS REWARDS, BUT ALSO--WHEN THE CHAMPIONS DECIDE TO INTERFERE--ITS RISKS.*

*SEE CHAMPIONS #1. -TOM



INSIDE IS
THE MAN WE ARE
SEARCHING FOR,
AS WELL AS HIS
HOSTAGES.

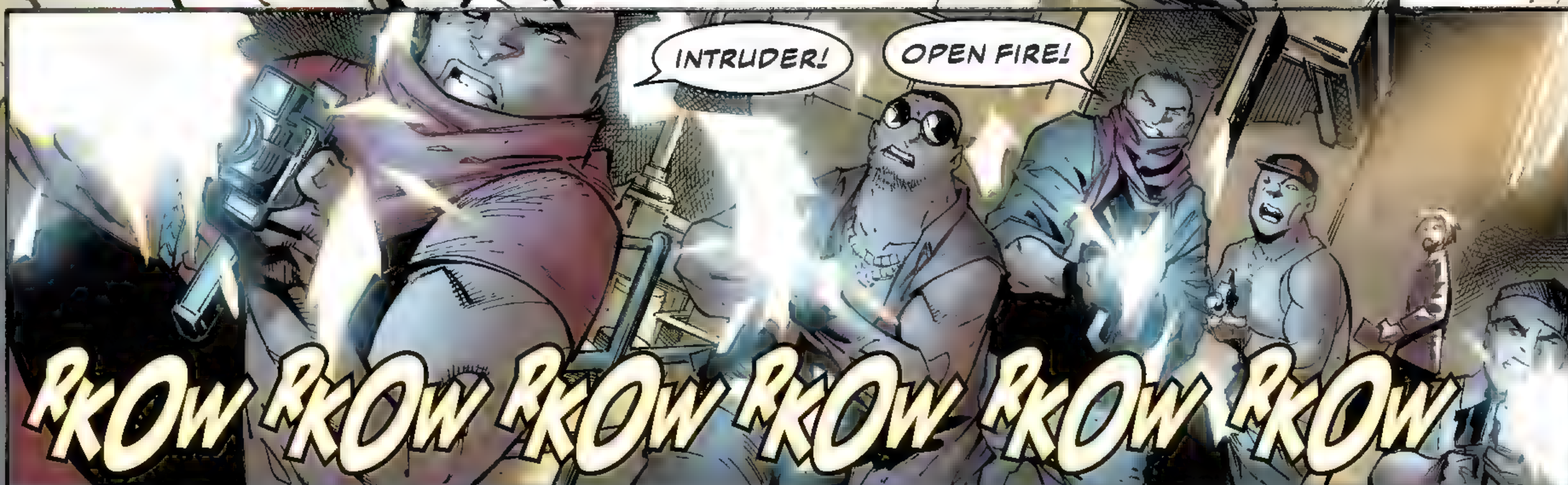
HE APPEARS TO
BE IN CONTACT WITH
A CRIMINAL MY TEAM
HAS DEALT WITH
PREVIOUSLY.



I WOULD
RECOMMEND WE
INFILTRATE WITH
CAUTION.

HOW MANY
RUNAWAYS IN
THERE?

AT
LEAST TWO
DOZ--



INTRUDER!

OPEN FIRE!

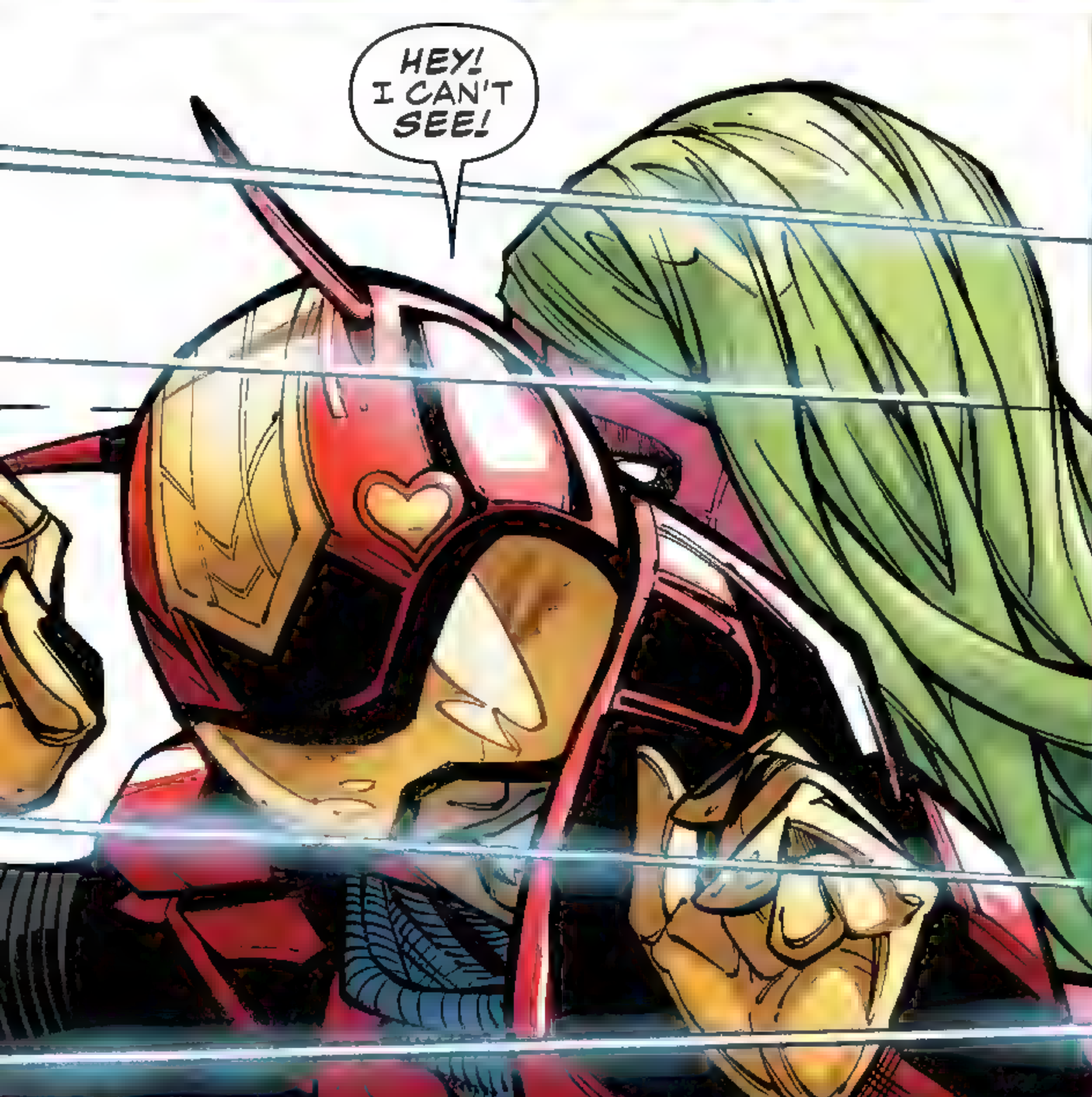
RKOW RKOW RKOW RKOW RKOW RKOW



ARMOR'S BULLETPROOF?

THEN AIM AT HER FACE, YOU IDIOTS!

RATATATATATAT

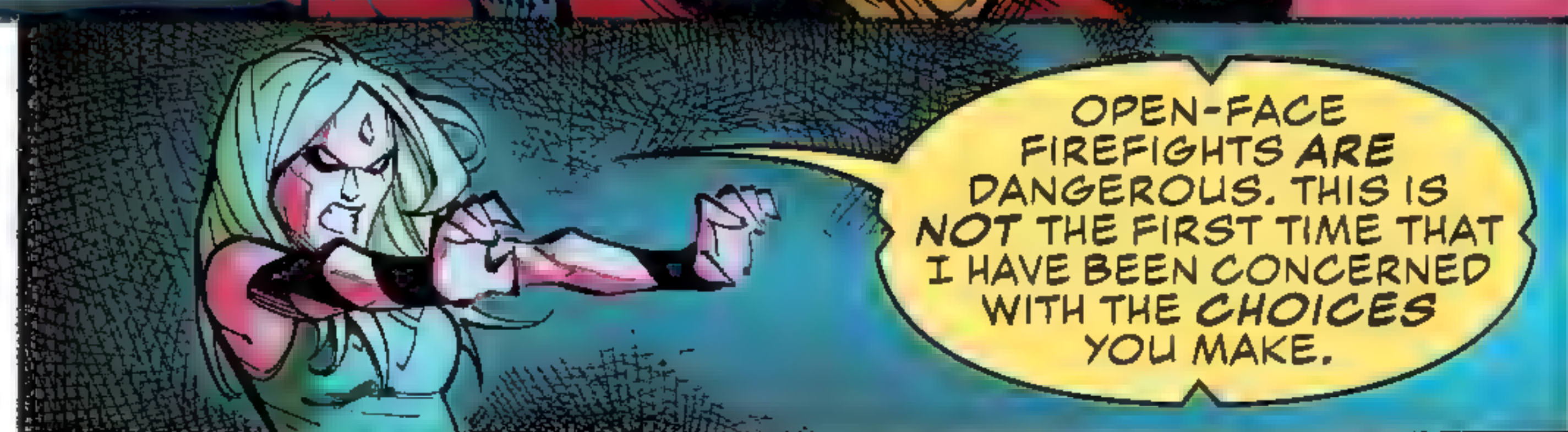


HEY! I CAN'T SEE!

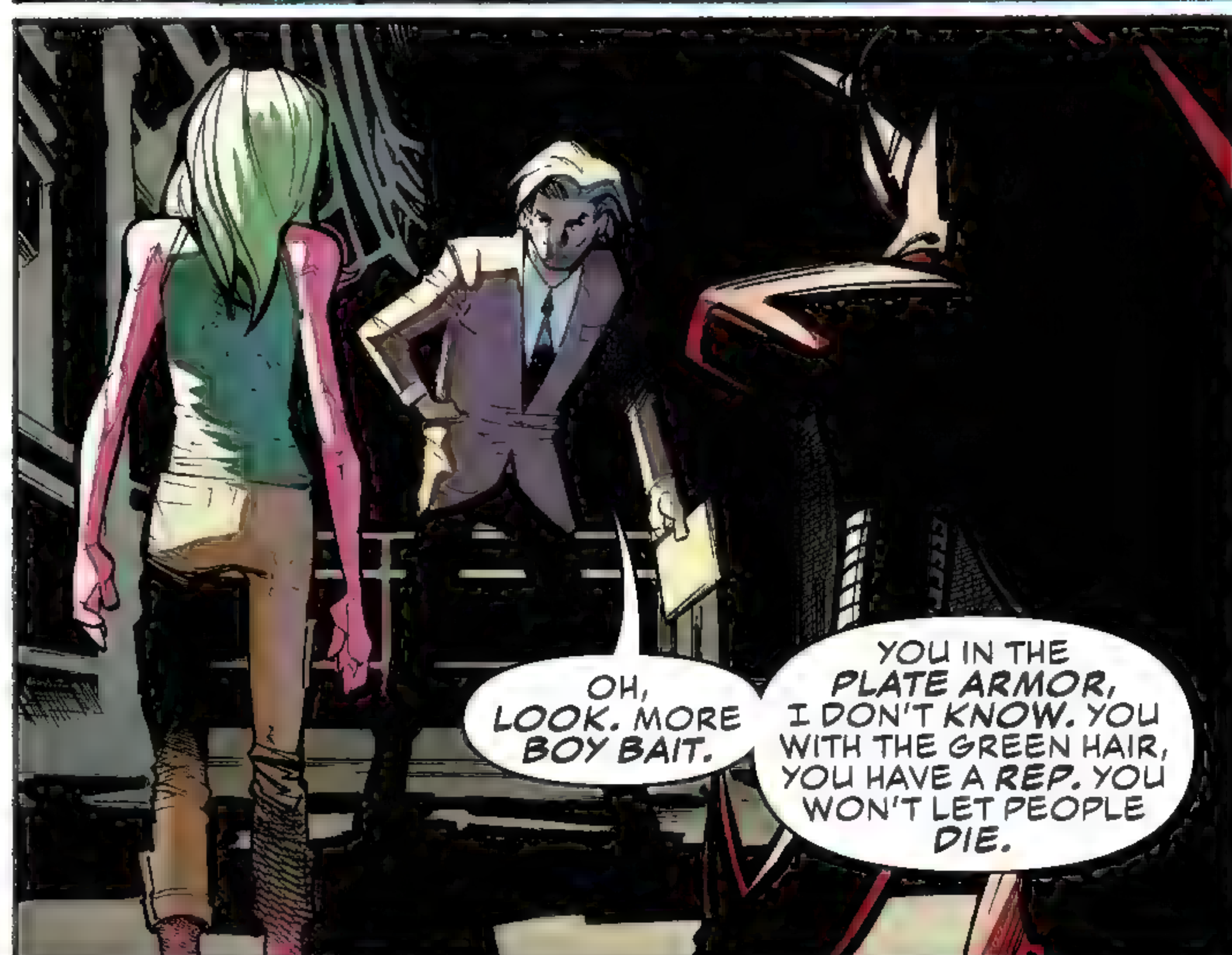


YOU DO NOT WISH TO.

SPEOW
SPEOW
SPEOW



OPEN-FACE FIREFIGHTS ARE DANGEROUS. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE CHOICES YOU MAKE.

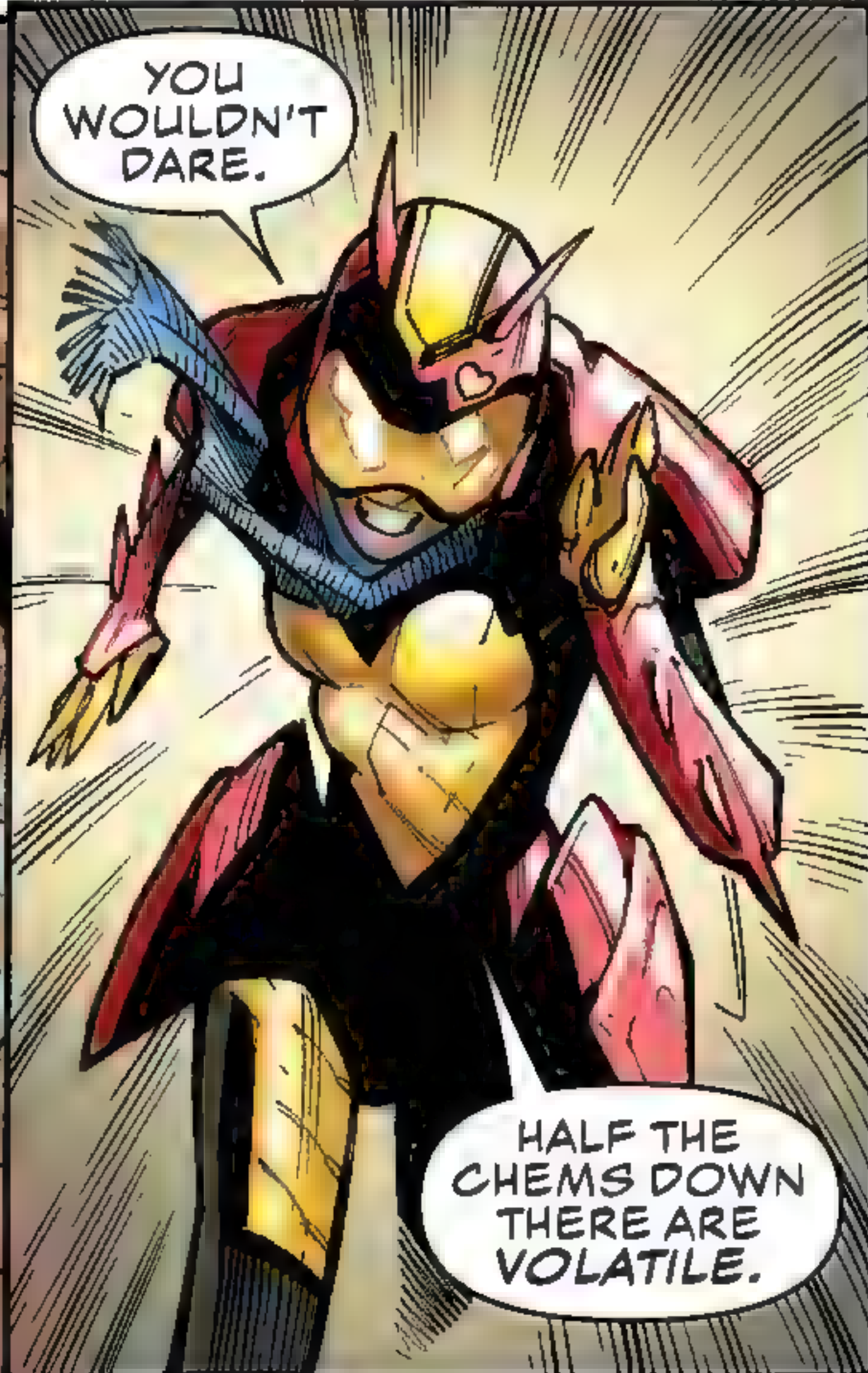
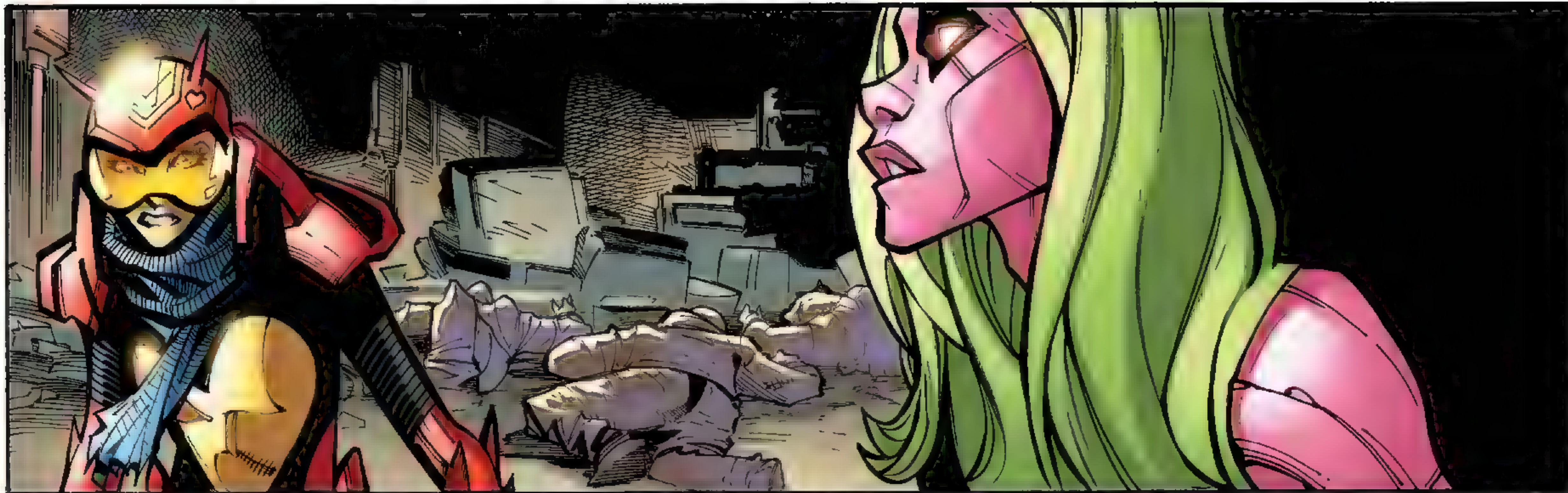


OH, LOOK. MORE BOY BAIT.

YOU IN THE PLATE ARMOR, I DON'T KNOW. YOU WITH THE GREEN HAIR, YOU HAVE A REP. YOU WON'T LET PEOPLE DIE.



WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I DETONATE ALL THE IMPLANTS BELOW AT ONCE.



ONE HOUR LATER.



...BE TAKEN CARE OF. THOSE WHO WON'T TELL US WHERE HOME IS WILL BE PLACED IN CARING SHELTERS, I PROMISE.

THANKS FOR THIS. TELL YOUR DAD I'M A BIG FAN.



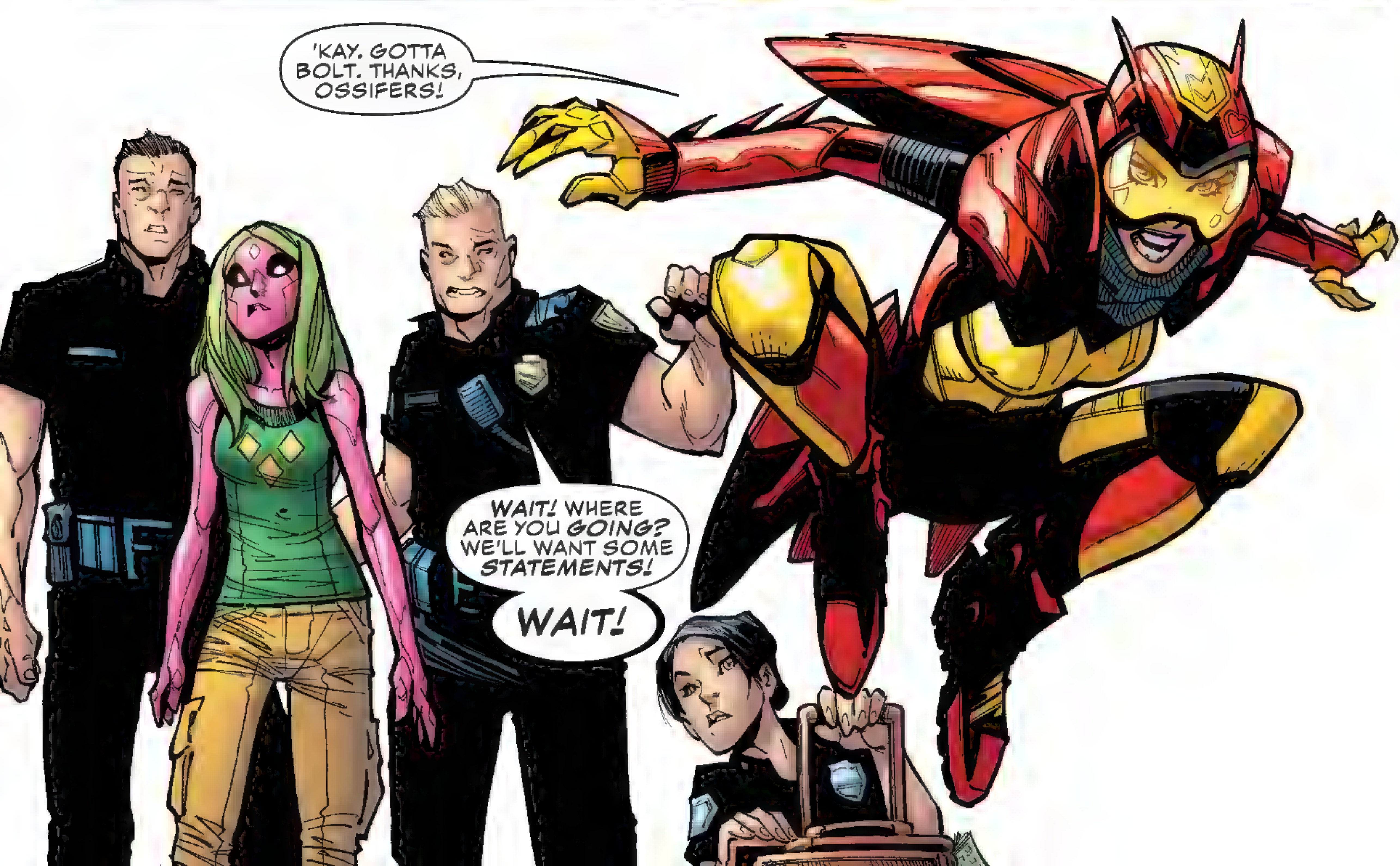
I FOUND THESE TUCKED AWAY. I KNOW EVIDENCE WHEN I SEE IT.



THAT IS A LOT OF GREEN.

RED. IT'S BLOOD MONEY.

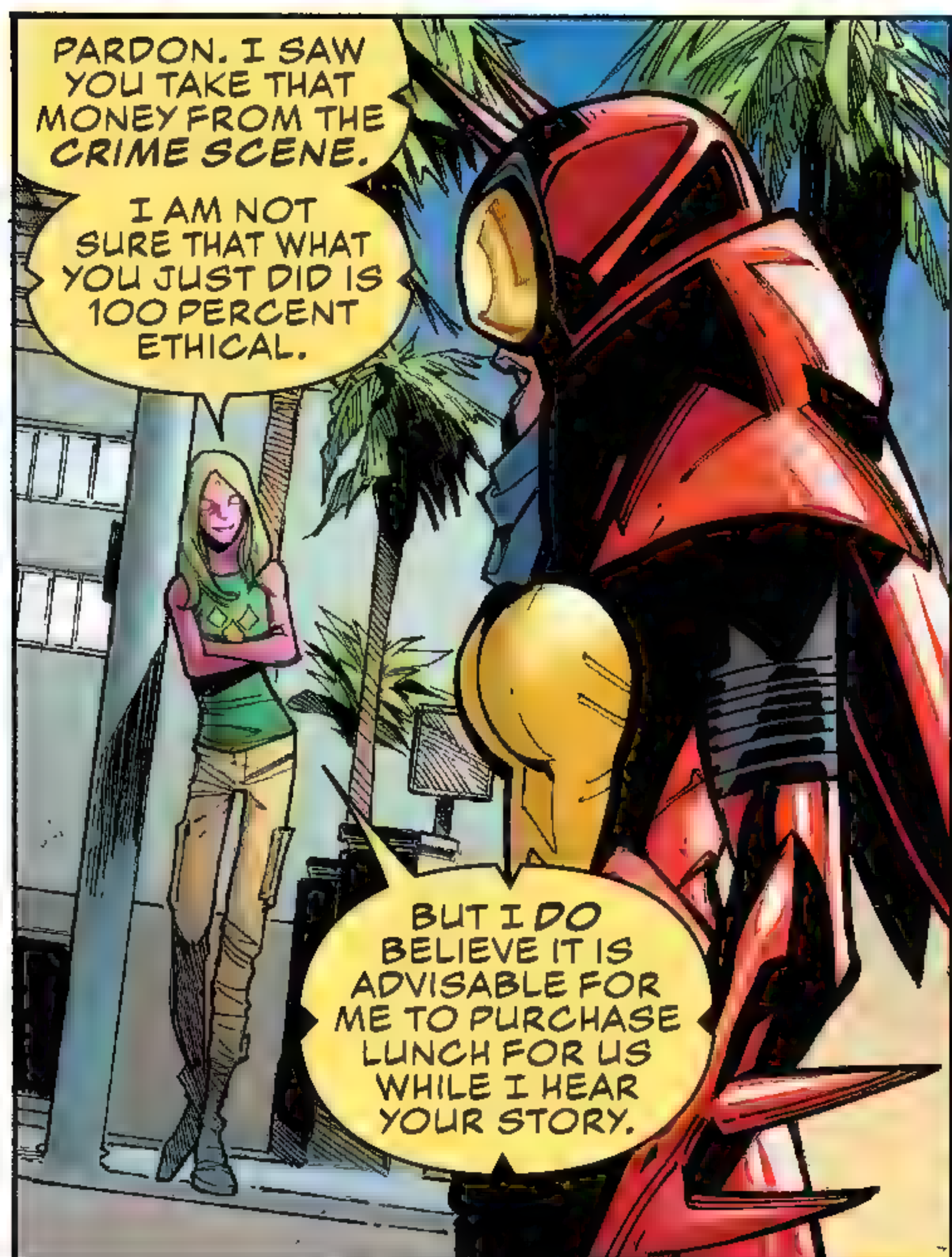
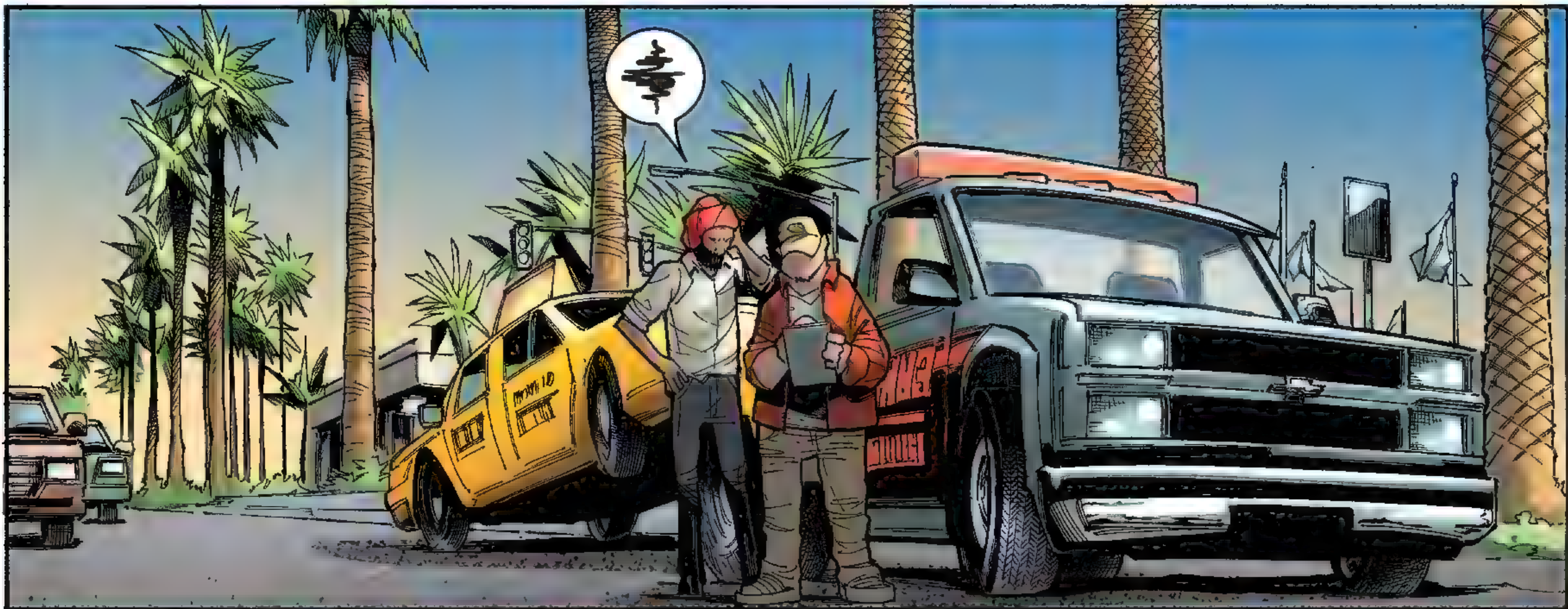
TOO MUCH OF IT.



'KAY. GOTTA BOLT. THANKS, OSSIFERS!

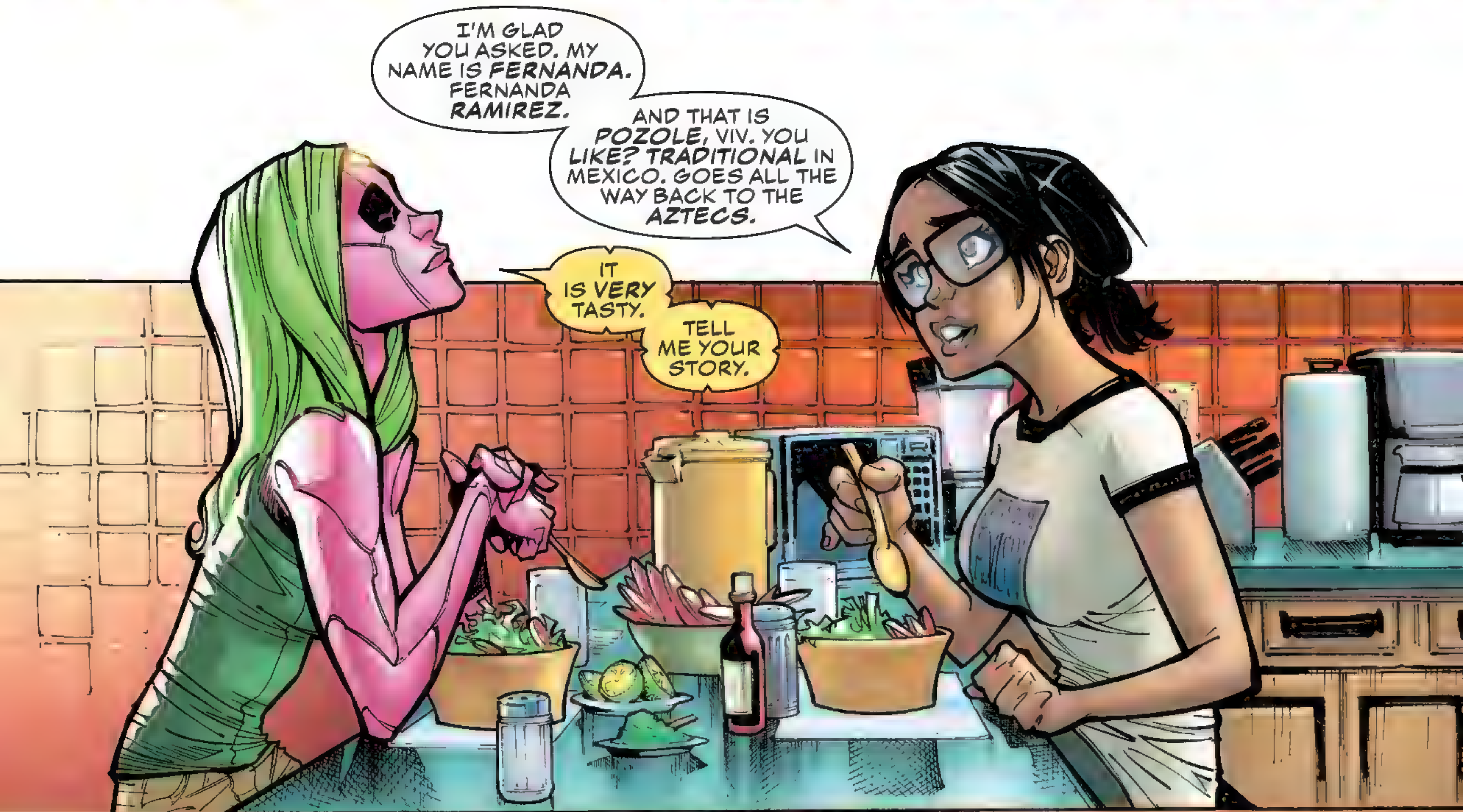
WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WE'LL WANT SOME STATEMENTS!

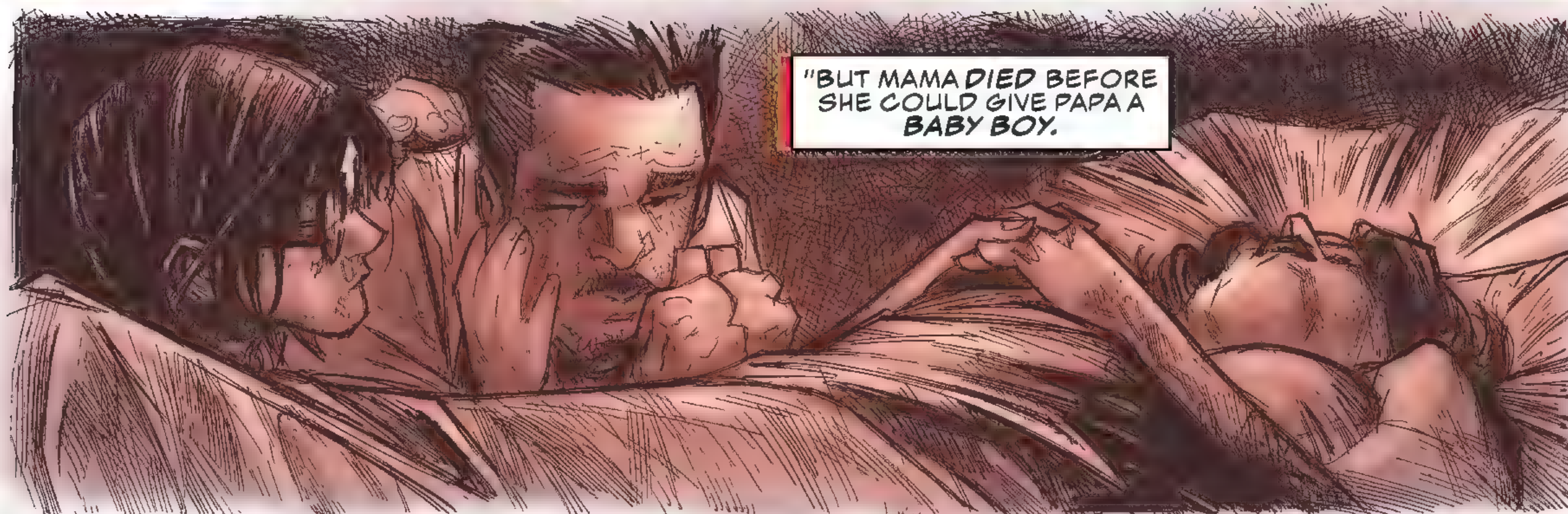
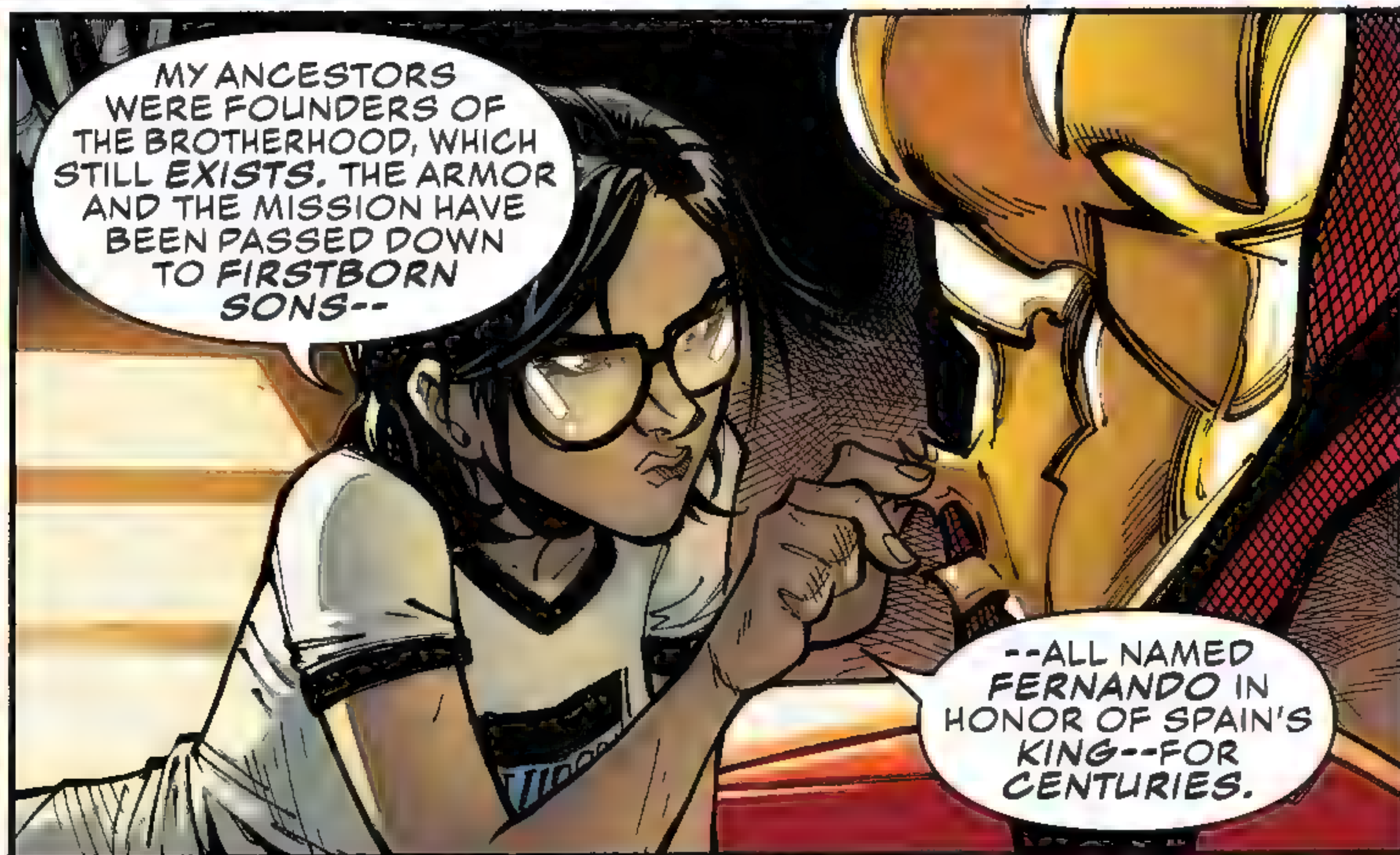
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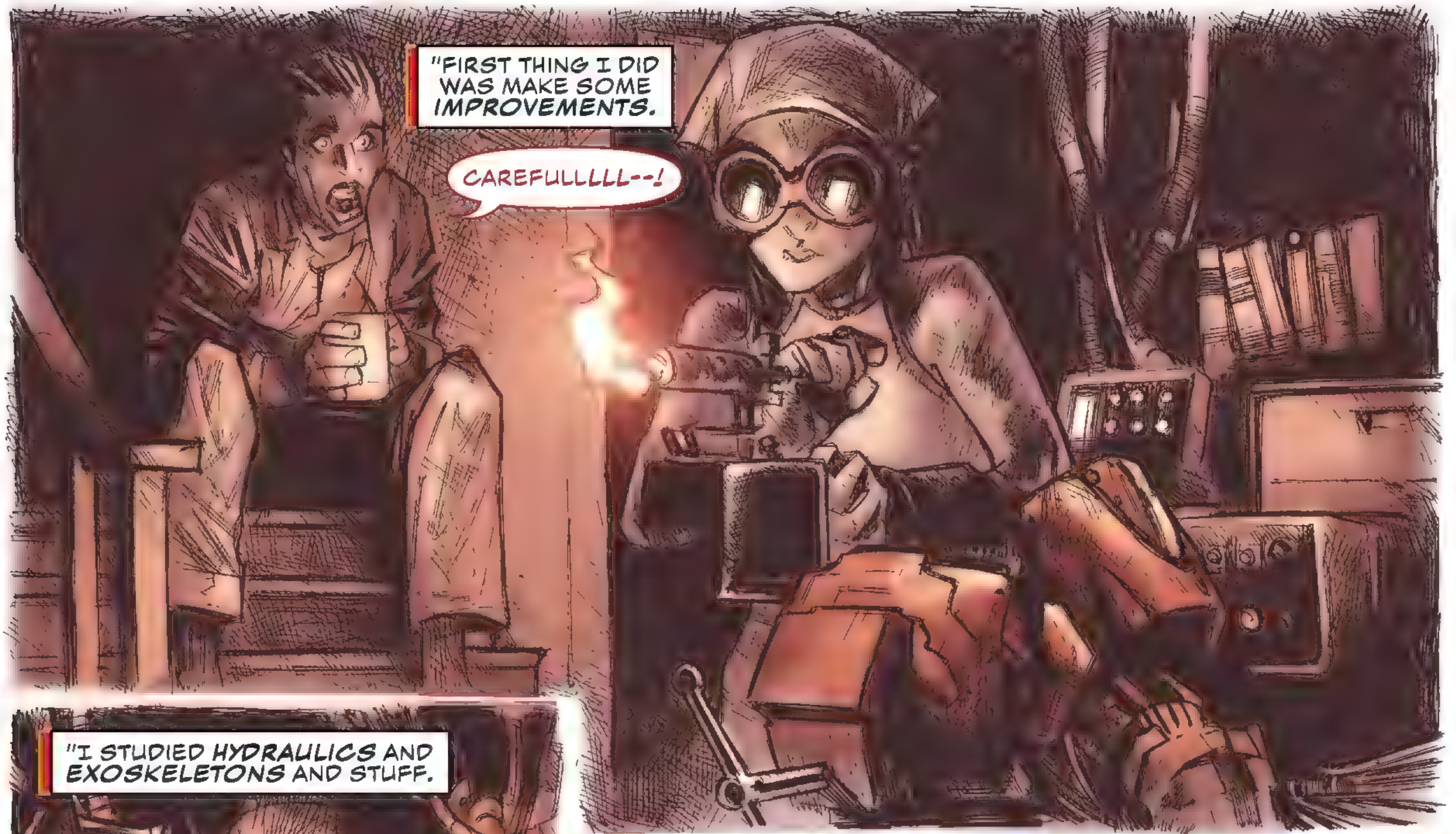


NEXT: SECRET EMPIRE!
AND TURN THE PAGE FOR THE
ORIGIN OF THE RED LOCUST!

WHO IS THE RED LOCUST?

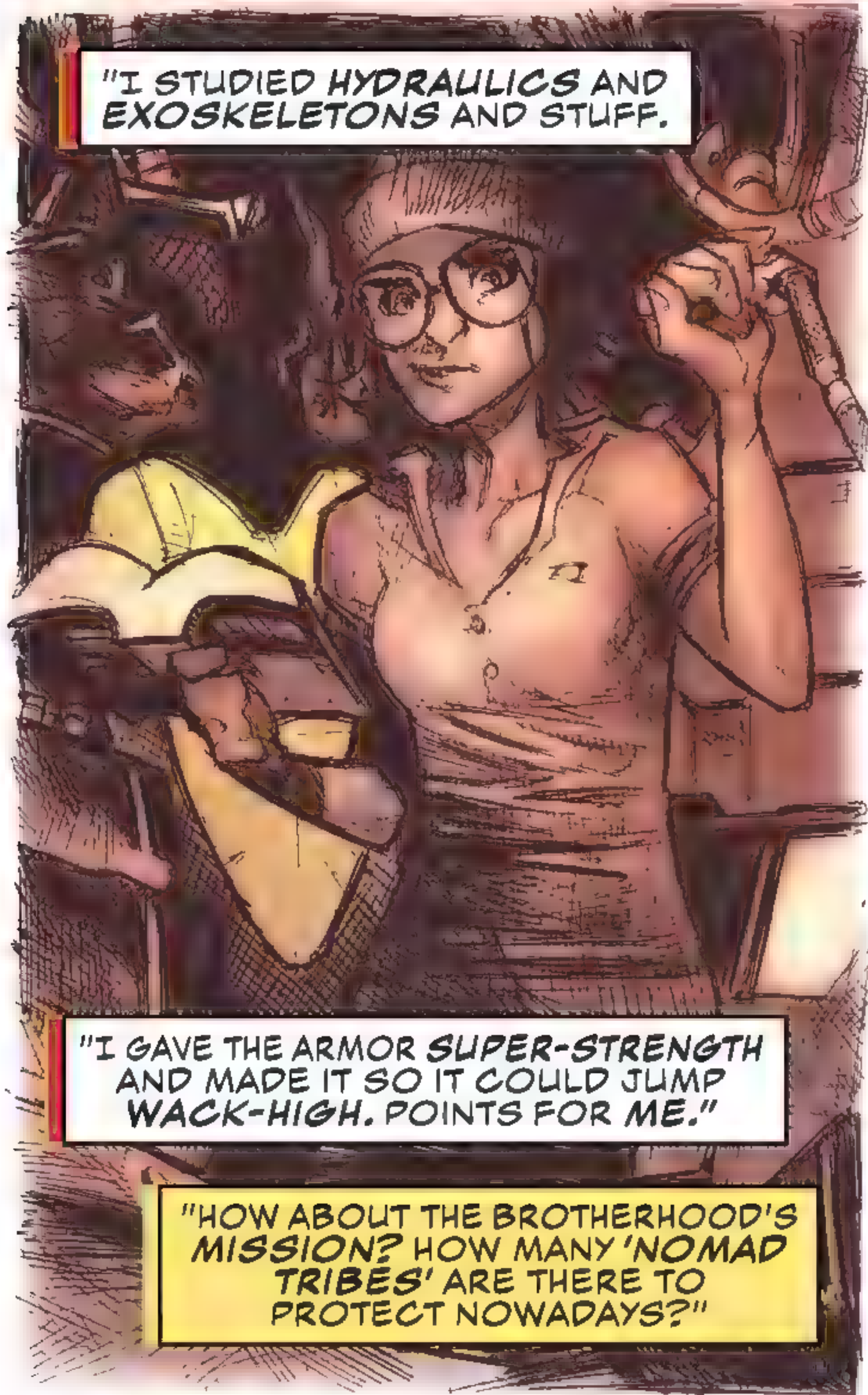






"FIRST THING I DID WAS MAKE SOME IMPROVEMENTS."

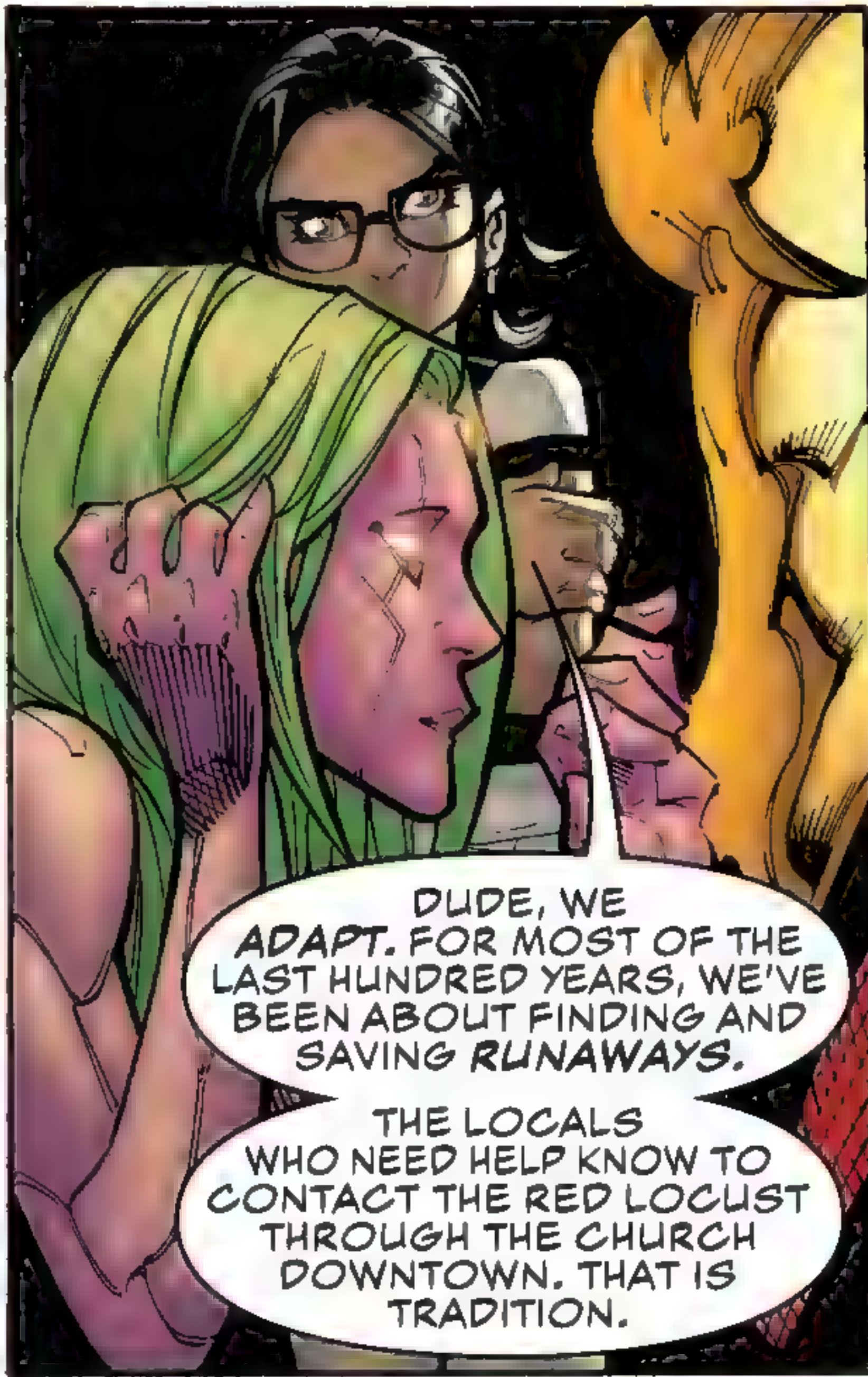
CAREFULLLLLL--!



"I STUDIED HYDRAULICS AND EXOSKELETONS AND STUFF."

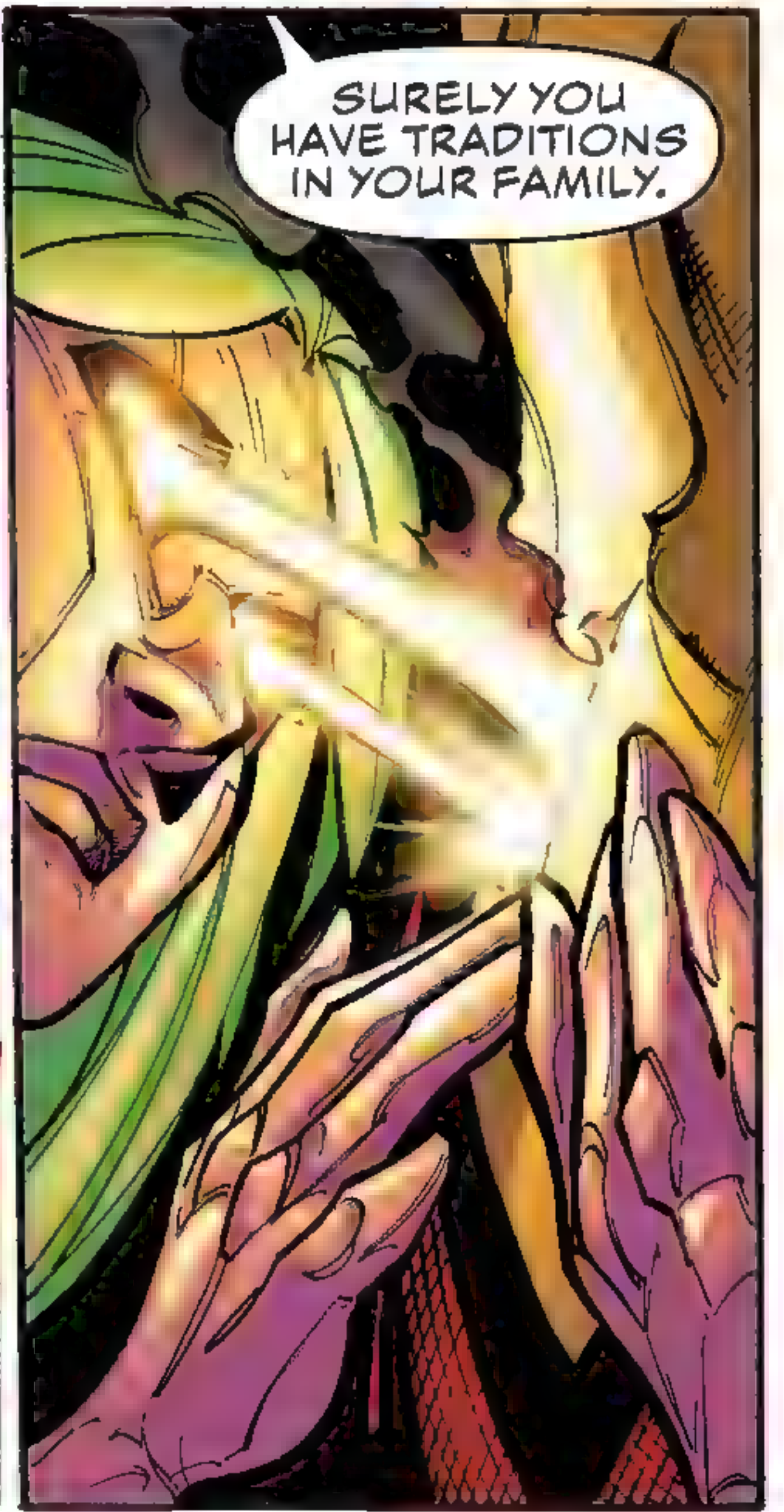
"I GAVE THE ARMOR SUPER-STRENGTH AND MADE IT SO IT COULD JUMP WACK-HIGH. POINTS FOR ME."

"HOW ABOUT THE BROTHERHOOD'S MISSION? HOW MANY 'NOMAD TRIBES' ARE THERE TO PROTECT NOWADAYS?"



DUDE, WE ADAPT. FOR MOST OF THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS, WE'VE BEEN ABOUT FINDING AND SAVING RUNAWAYS.

THE LOCALS WHO NEED HELP KNOW TO CONTACT THE RED LOCUST THROUGH THE CHURCH DOWNTOWN. THAT IS TRADITION.



SURELY YOU HAVE TRADITIONS IN YOUR FAMILY.



WHAT IF MOTHER OBJECTS TO NOURISHING OURSELVES BETWEEN MEALS?

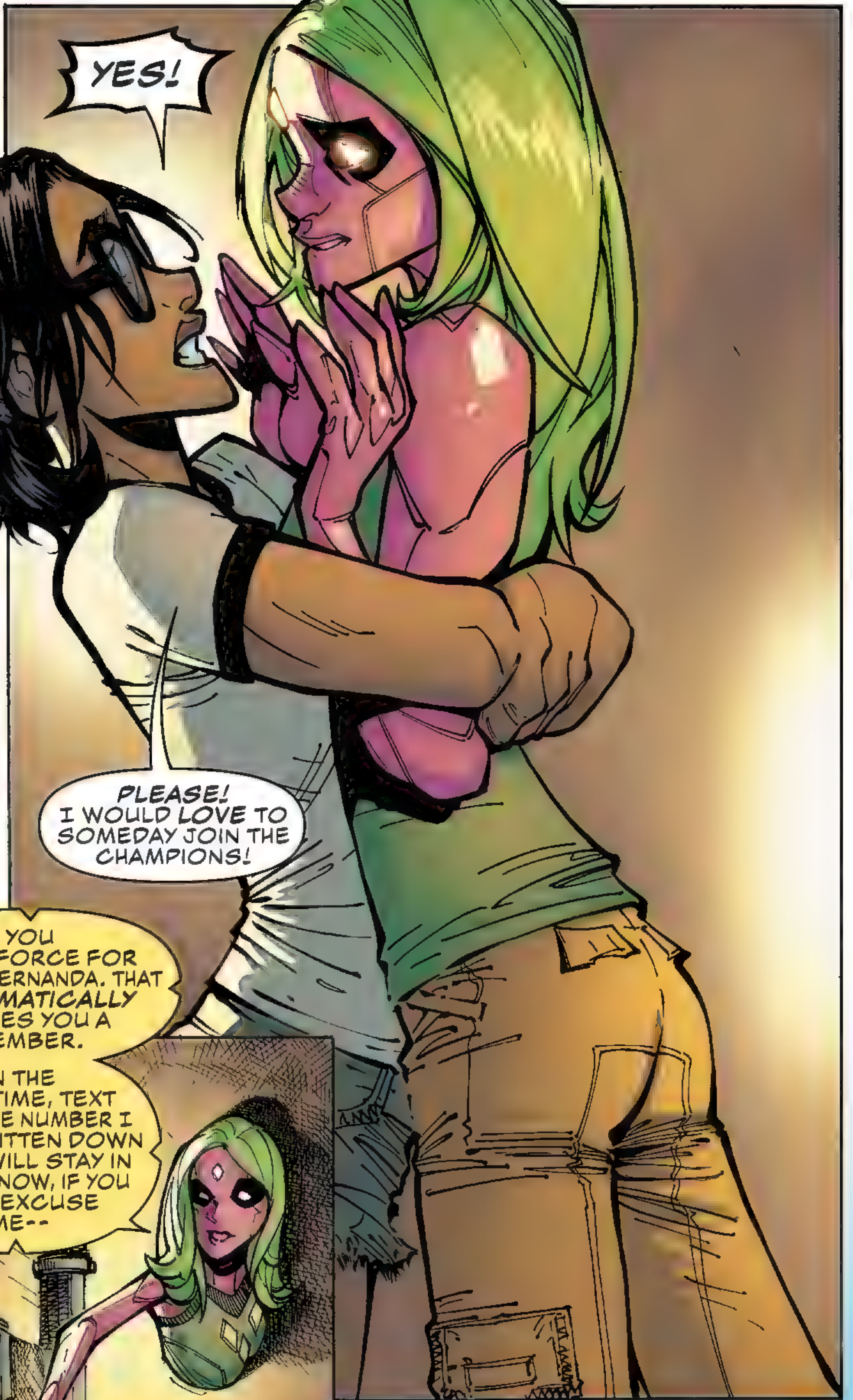
SHHH.

THIS IS FATHER-DAUGHTER TIME.



FERNANDA, THE CHAMPIONS HAVE NOT YET SPOKEN ABOUT OR ESTABLISHED ANY PROTOCOL FOR ADDING MEMBERS TO THE CORE TEAM...

...BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF YOU--

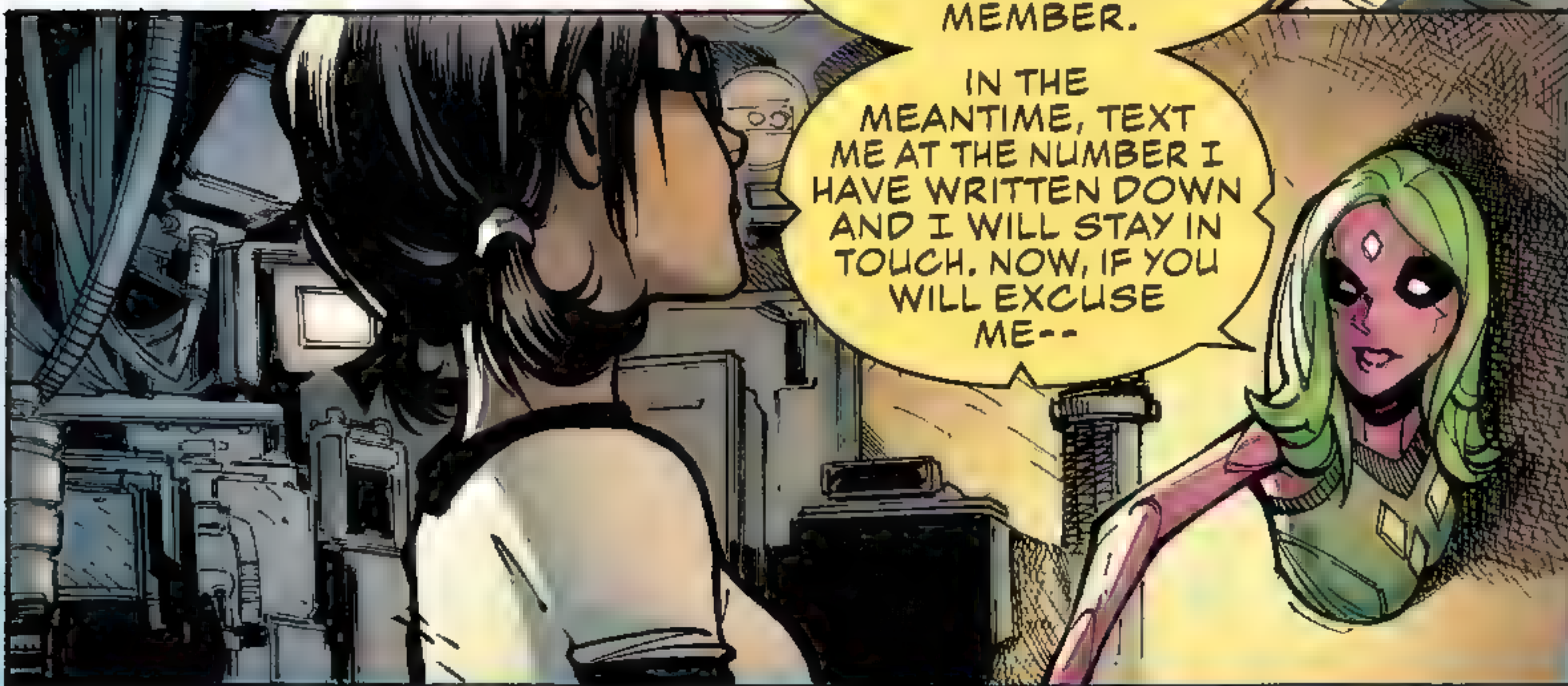


YES!

PLEASE! I WOULD LOVE TO SOMEDAY JOIN THE CHAMPIONS!

YOU ARE A FORCE FOR GOOD, FERNANDA. THAT AUTOMATICALLY MAKES YOU A MEMBER.

IN THE MEANTIME, TEXT ME AT THE NUMBER I HAVE WRITTEN DOWN AND I WILL STAY IN TOUCH. NOW, IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME--



--I WISH TO GO BE WITH MY FATHER."



THE END.

MARVEL

#10



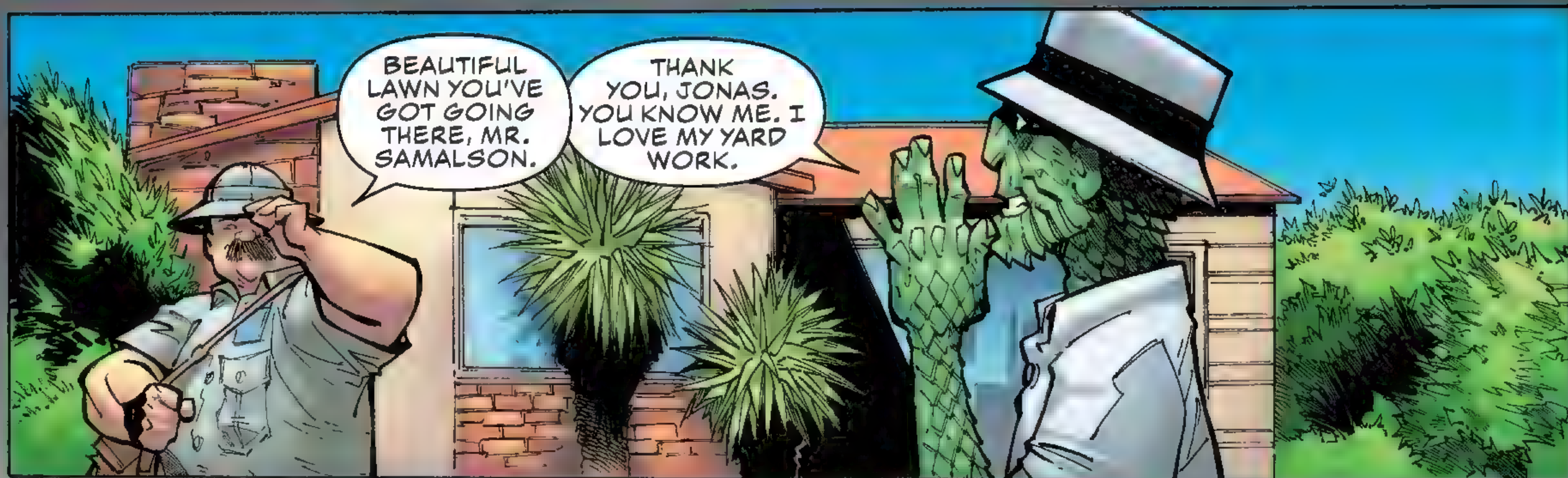
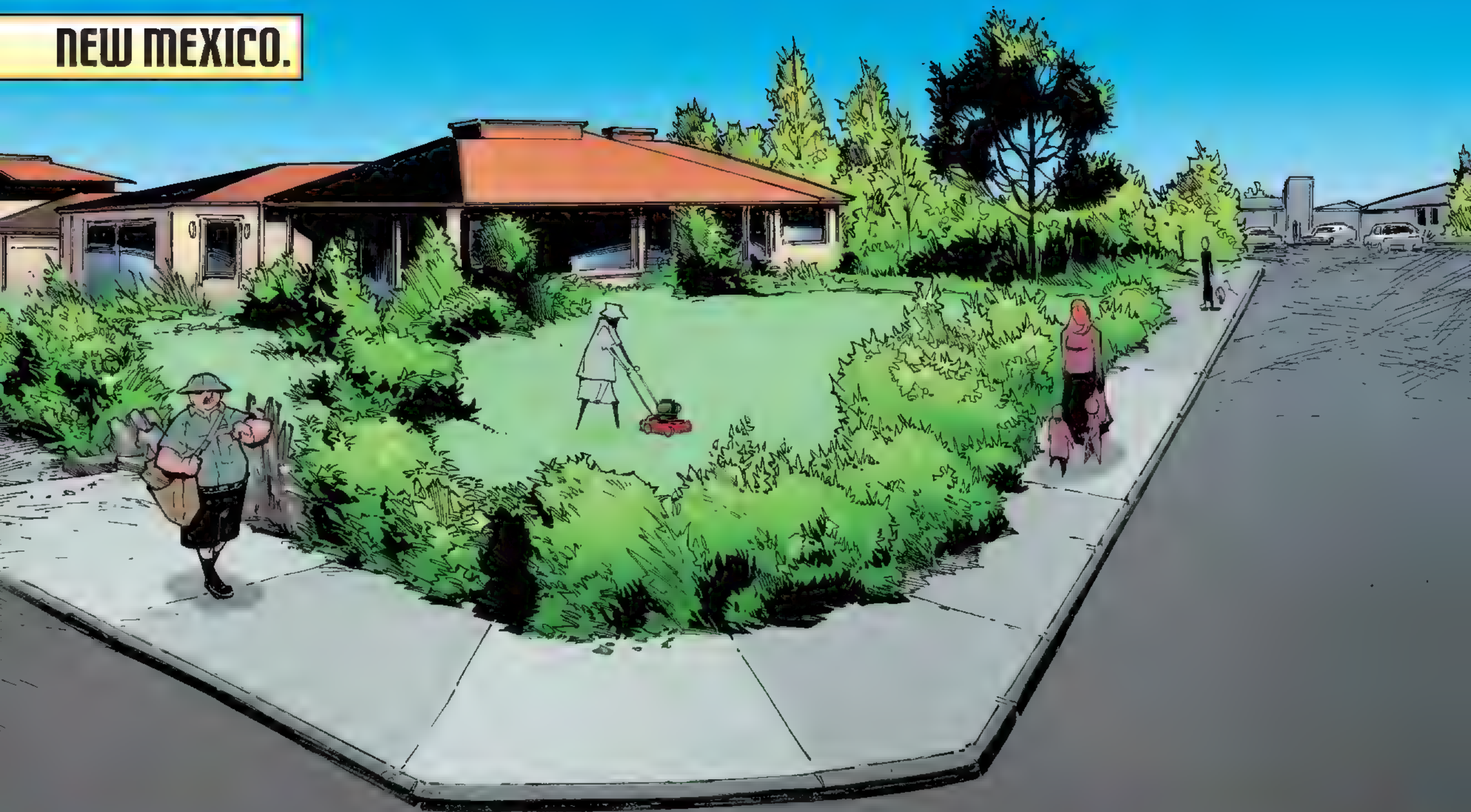
CHAMPIONS™

WAID
RAMOS
OLAZABA
DELGADO





NEW MEXICO.









WHERE IS SHE?

AUSTIN, TX.
OLYMPIA COMPOUND.
TEMPORARY HQ, THE CHAMPIONS.



VIVI!
HULK! FIND MS. MARVEL!

I COULD SWEAR THAT WE HAD THE CONVERSATION ABOUT CALLING ME AMADEUS WHEN I'M NOT--

HULK!
THIS IS ABOUT MARVEL, NOT YOU! SHE NEEDS US! I KNOW SHE DOES!



WE ARE TRAWLING THE DARK WEB AS THOROUGHLY AS WE CAN, SPIDER-MAN.

I AM UNSETTLED BY HER ABSENCE, AS WELL...

...BUT SINCE HYDRA SEIZED CONTROL OF OUR COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT, THEY HAVE BEEN ENCRYPTING ITS DATA SO THOROUGHLY THAT NOT EVEN I CAN DECODE IT.



JUST FIND HER! SHE'D TEXT IF SHE WERE OKAY, I KNOW IT!

WE'RE ALREADY DOWN TWO MEMBERS! WE KNOW THAT NOVA'S TRAPPED IN OUTER SPACE BECAUSE OF THAT PLANETARY DEFENSE SHIELD--

--AND CYCLOPS IS RELATIVELY SAFE WITH THE X-MEN.

BUT THEY SAY HYDRA'S BEEN PUTTING INHUMANS LIKE MARVEL INTO HIDDEN INTERNMENT CAMPS! WHAT IF SHE'S IN ONE OF THOSE?



I CANNOT
EVEN LOCATE
THESE CAMPS,
MUCH LESS THE
NAMES OF THEIR
REGISTERED PRISO--
WAIT.



THERE WAS
A FLEETING BIT
OF DATUM, DELETED
A NANOSECOND AFTER
IT WAS DETECTED.
I WAS ABLE TO
SAVE IT.

A REMOTE,
BARRICADED
TOWN REPURPOSED
AS A PRISON FOR
INHUMANS.

APPROXIMATELY
EIGHTY-SEVEN
MILES NORTHWEST OF
ALBUQUERQUE,
NEW MEXICO.

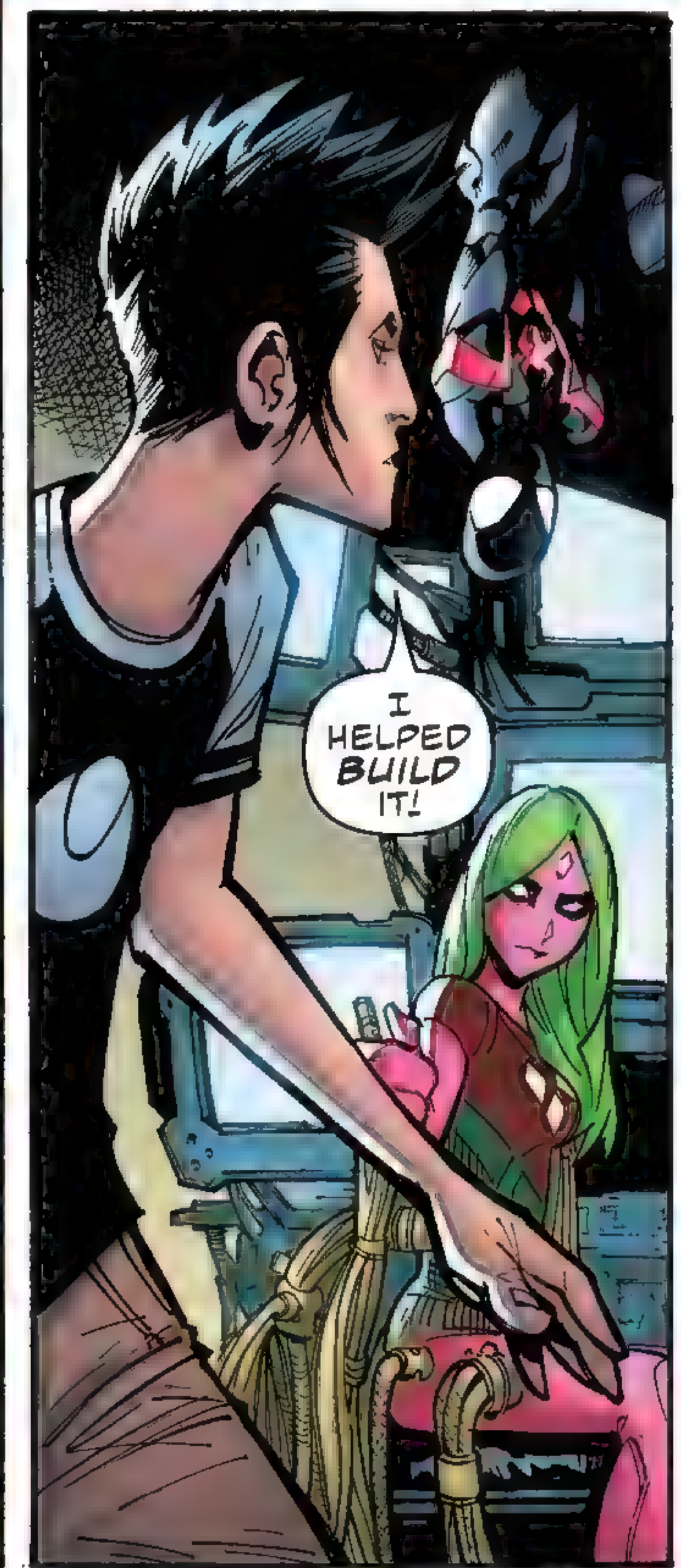


EIGHTY-
SEVEN...
EIGHTY-
NINE-POINT-
THREE.
EXACTLY.
OH,
NO...



YOU
KNOW THIS
PLACE?

KNOW
IT?



I
HELPED
BUILD
IT!

**CAMP
ECHO-1**
INHUMAN RELOCATION
FACILITY

A LITTLE
WHILE AGO, I DID A
SMALL FAVOR FOR
S.H.I.E.L.D.

THEY WANTED TO
CONTAIN THE **HULK**--NOT
ME, **BRUCE BANNER**--IN AN
ENVIRONMENT WHERE HE'D BE
AT PEACE BUT NOT A POTENTIAL
DANGER. SO THEY REFITTED
AN OLD **HOGAN'S**
ALLEY.

HOGAN'S
WHAT?

AN UNPOPULATED
TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTED
BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION FOR THE SOLE
PURPOSE OF TRAINING
LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENTS.

AMADEUS,
WHAT WAS YOUR
ROLE?

"MY MAIN FIELD IN THE SCIENCES IS
CHAOS THEORY--CALCULATING
OUTCOMES FROM POTENTIAL ACTIONS.

"I HELPED S.H.I.E.L.D. PROGRAM
DISPOSABLE ROBOTS WHO
ACTED HUMAN ENOUGH TO BE
COMFORTING--

"--BUT, NO
MATTER WHAT,
NEVER LESS
THAN **POLITE** SO
THEY WOULDN'T
AGITATE
BANNER."

THEY'VE BEEN
REPROGRAMMED
AND APPARENTLY
DUPLICATED--NOT
TO MOLLIFY--

--BUT
TO GUARD--
WITH EXTREME
PREJUDICE.

TO GET MARVEL OUT OF THERE, THIS MISSION JUST TURNED IMPOSSIBLE.

IT'S JUST THE THREE OF US. WE WOULD HAVE TO FIND A WAY THROUGH A WALL DESIGNED TO IMPRISON PEOPLE WHO ALREADY HAVE EVERY CONCEIVABLE SUPER-POWER UNDER THE SUN.

WE'D HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO EVADE WHO KNOWS HOW MANY DEADLY WEAPONS ENGINEERED TO TAKE THEM DOWN.

AND EVEN IF WE WERE ABLE TO DO ALL THAT, I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW WE'D EVER ESCAPE.



SO.
GIVE ME TEN SECONDS.

TWELVE SECONDS LATER.

SO I ROUNDED DOWN. SUE ME.

IT'S BREAK-IN TIME. SPIDER, YOU CAN GO PRETTY MUCH INVISIBLE.

I, HOWEVER, CANNOT.

NO, BUT YOU CAN PROJECT A RUNNING HOLOGRAM OF WHATEVER'S DIRECTLY BEHIND YOU...SO, PRETTY MUCH THE SAME THING.

I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT.

I SWEAR, IT'S LIKE YOU WERE RAISED BY WOLVES.

AND ME...

...I'LL MAKE A DOOR.

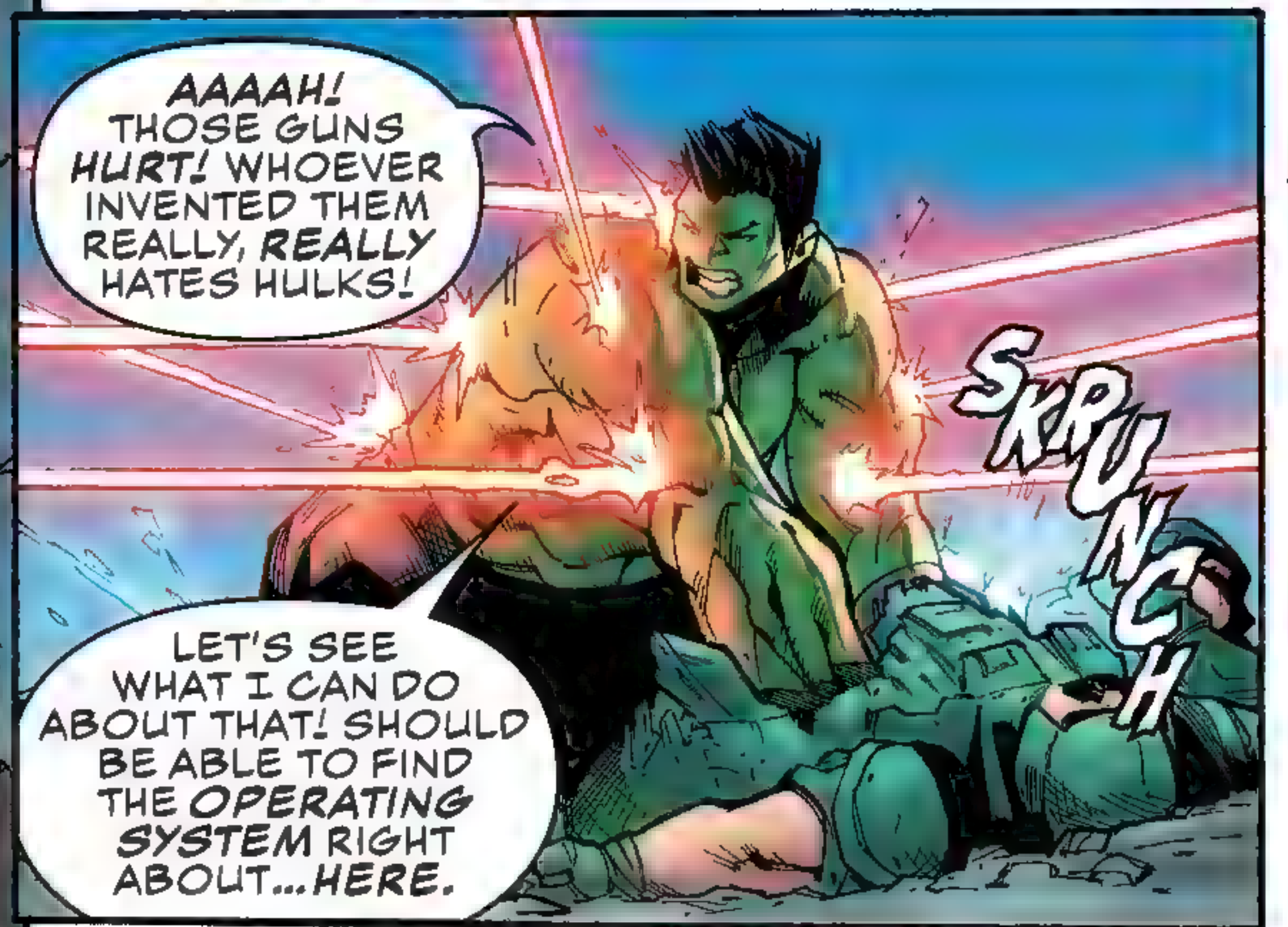


HOWDY, STRANGER! STAND DOWN!



HULK'S STRATEGY SEEMS TO BE WORKING.

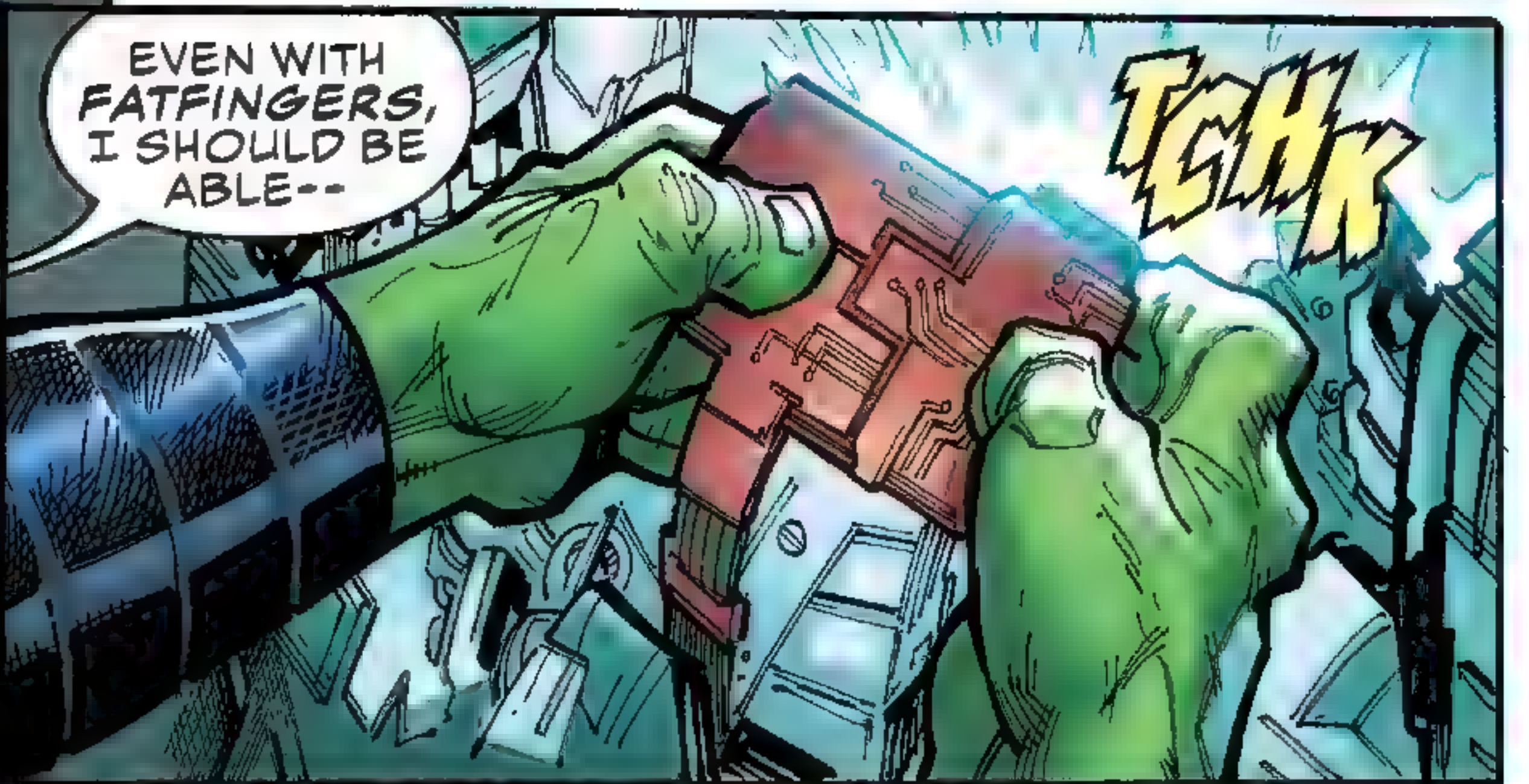
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING? I CAN'T HEAR YOU ON ACCOUNT OF MY SPIDER-SENSE TRYING TO EAT MY HEAD!



AAAAH! THOSE GUNS HURT! WHOEVER INVENTED THEM REALLY, REALLY HATES HULKS!

LET'S SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT THAT! SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND THE OPERATING SYSTEM RIGHT ABOUT... HERE.

SKRU NCH



EVEN WITH FATFINGERS, I SHOULD BE ABLE--

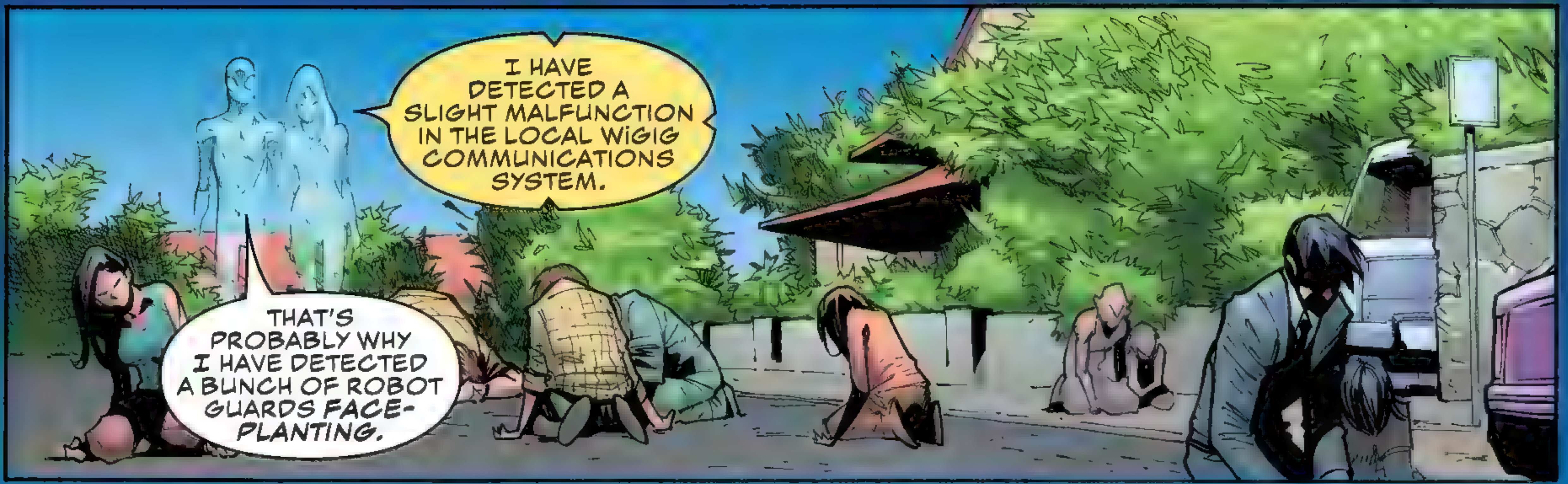
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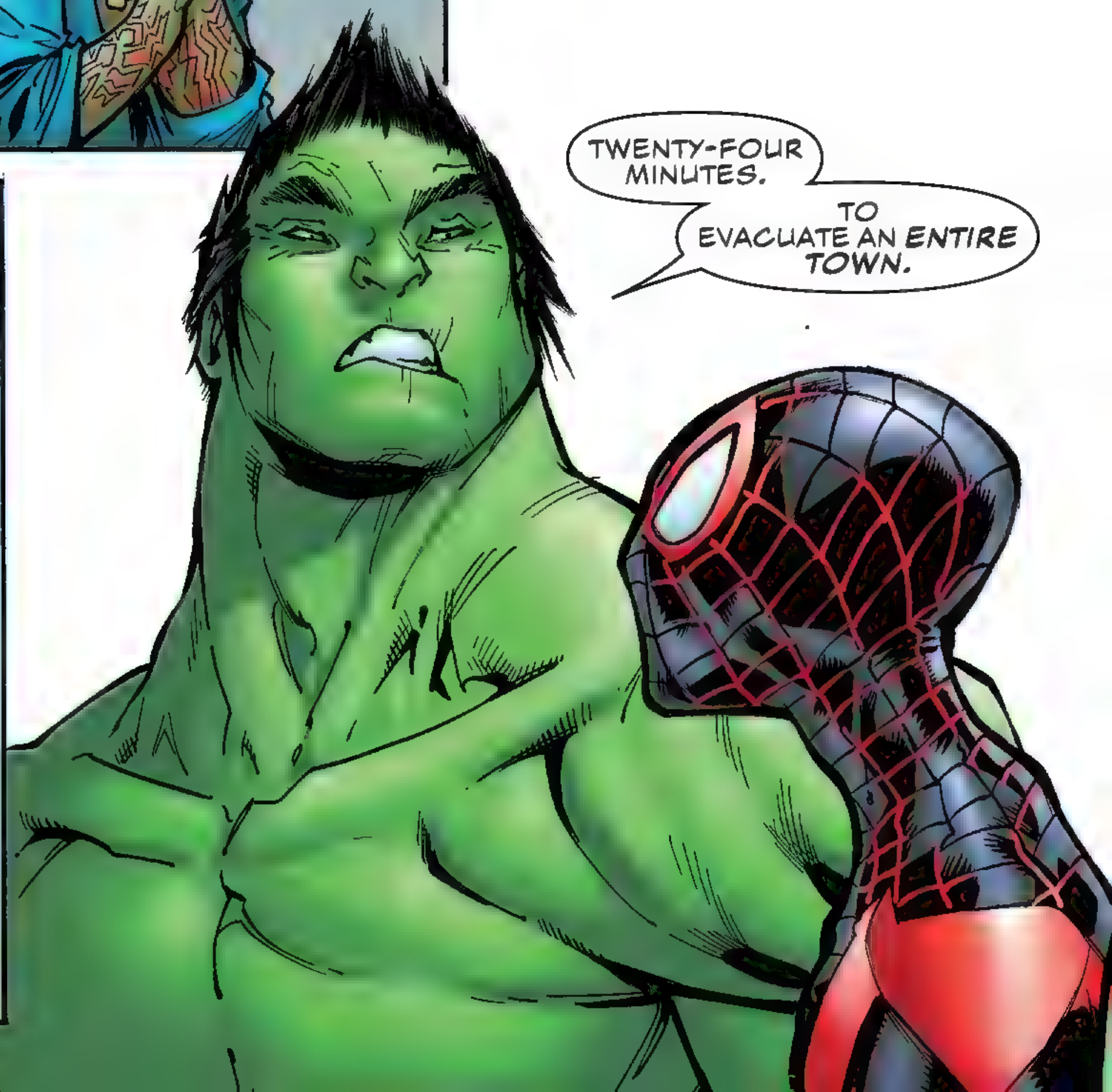
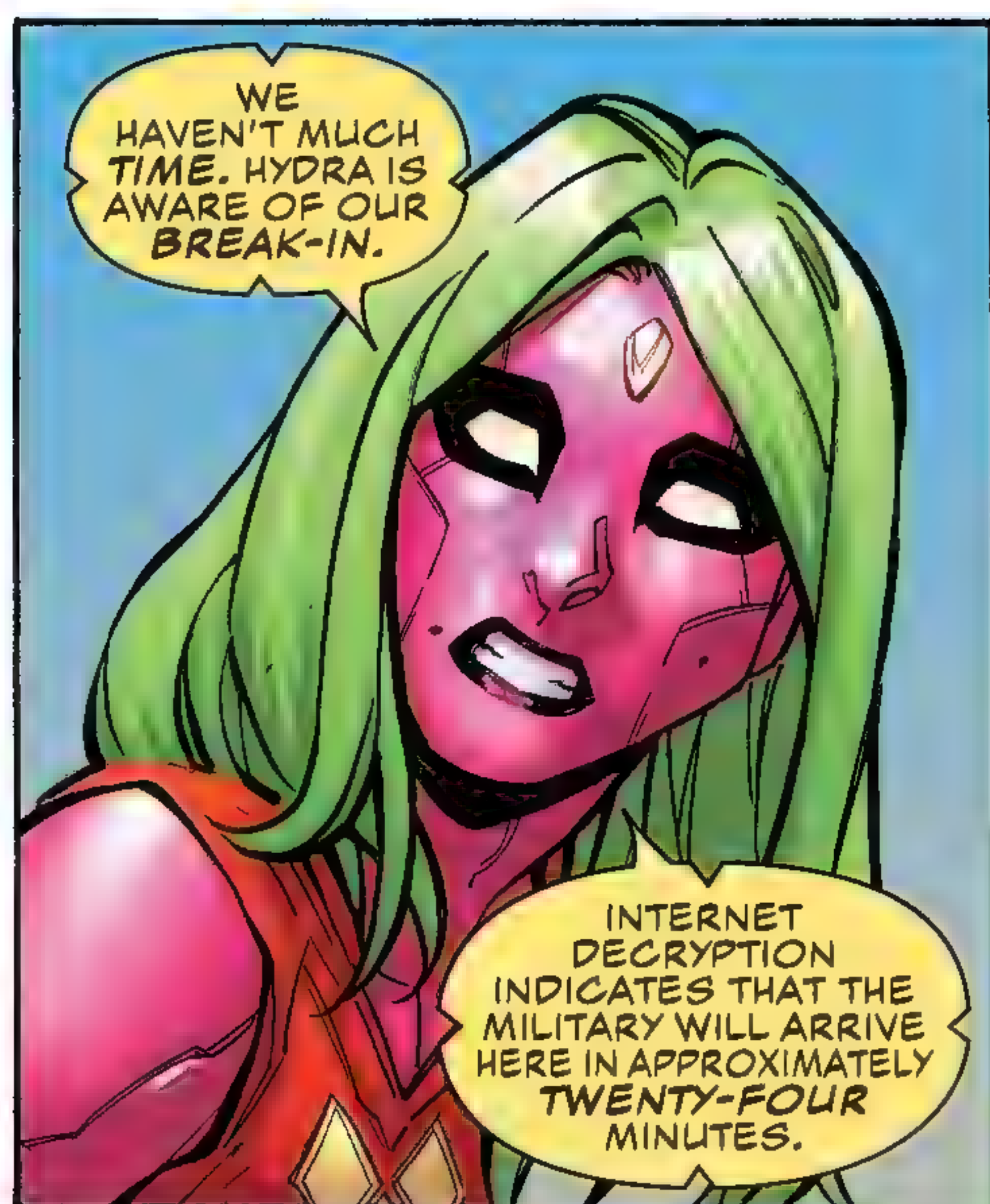
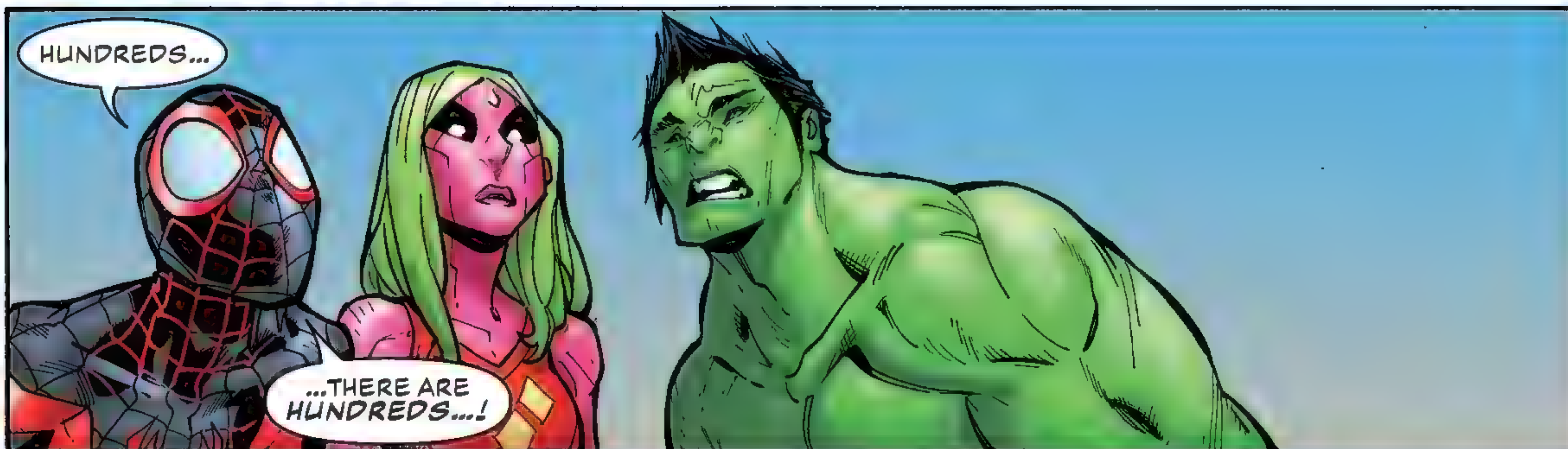


--TO BRUTE-FORCE A NEURALWIDE SHUTDOWN.

REPURPOSE MY DESIGNS, WILL YA, HYDRA?

PFAH TO THEE. PFAH.







OKAY.
VIV, HULK--YOU
ORGANIZE THE
PRISONERS!

I PULL
MARVEL INTO THE
MIX, SHE GOES MOSES
AND LEADS HER PEOPLE
OUT, AND WE CAN FIGURE
OUT THE REST AS
WE GO!



EVERYBODY!
HAS ANYONE SEEN
MS. MARVEL?

HIGH
SCHOOL
AGE! MUSLIM
AMERICAN! FIVE-
FIVEISH! RED-
AND-BLUE
OUTFIT!

KAMALA?



MAYBE?
WHERE IS
SHE?

SHE IS
IN MY HOUSE.
SHE HAS BEEN
HIDING THERE FOR
DAYS. SHE'S VERY
FRIGHTENED BY
ALL THIS.

AFRAID...?
HER?

LEAD
THE WAY!
HURRY!

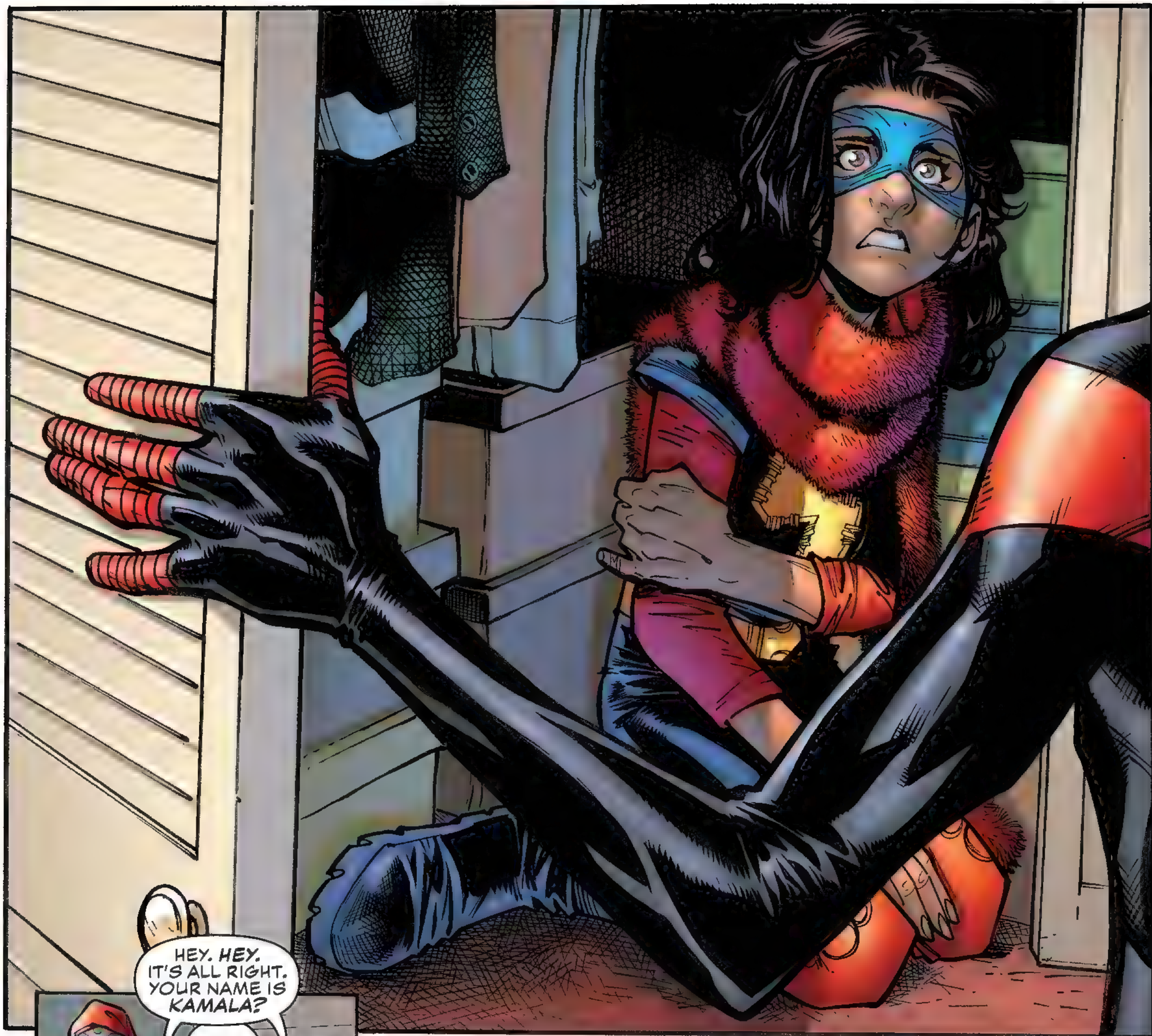


IN
THERE.

MARVEL!
IT'S ME! VIV
AND HULK ARE
RIGHT BEHIND!
WE NEED
YOU!



WE--



HEY. HEY.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
YOUR NAME IS
KAMALA?

YES.

WHY
ARE YOU
HIDING?

SHE'S BEEN IN
THERE ALMOST FROM
THE START. SHE'S BEEN
SEPARATED FROM HER
FAMILY. SHE WORE
THOSE CLOTHES
BECAUSE MS. MARVEL
IS HER HERO.

SHE
THOUGHT THEY
WOULD MAKE HER
FEEL BRAVE,
LIKE HER.

POOR
THING.

C'MERE.

DOESN'T
TAKE CLOTHES
TO BE BRAVE, KAY.
I'M GONNA CALL YOU
KAY, OKAY? OKAY,
KAY? SEE WHAT
I DID THERE?

IF IT
WERE ALL ABOUT
CLOTHES, HULK WEARS
NOTHING BUT SHORTS,
SO HE'D BE SCARED-
PEEING HIS PANTS
ALL THE TIME.
RIGHT?

SNFFF

I
GUESS.



I KNOW MS. MARVEL. I DON'T KNOW HER REAL NAME, BUT I BET IT'S NOT AS COOL AS YOURS.

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO BE LIKE HER, AND WE ALL KINDA DO, YOU GOTTA KNOW THAT YOU'RE A CHAMPION. YOU'RE PART OF A TEAM, AND WE ALL HAVE YOUR BACK.

I PROMISE.



18:00

WE HAVE TO GO! WE'VE BUSTED THE WALL, AND WE'VE ALREADY BEGUN AN EVACUATION. JUST FOLLOW OUR LEAD, AND--



WHAT THE HELL?

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE? STOP FIGHTING EACH OTHER!

THE ARMY'S GOING TO SHOW UP IN, LIKE, SIX MINUTES! WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!



SPIDER...

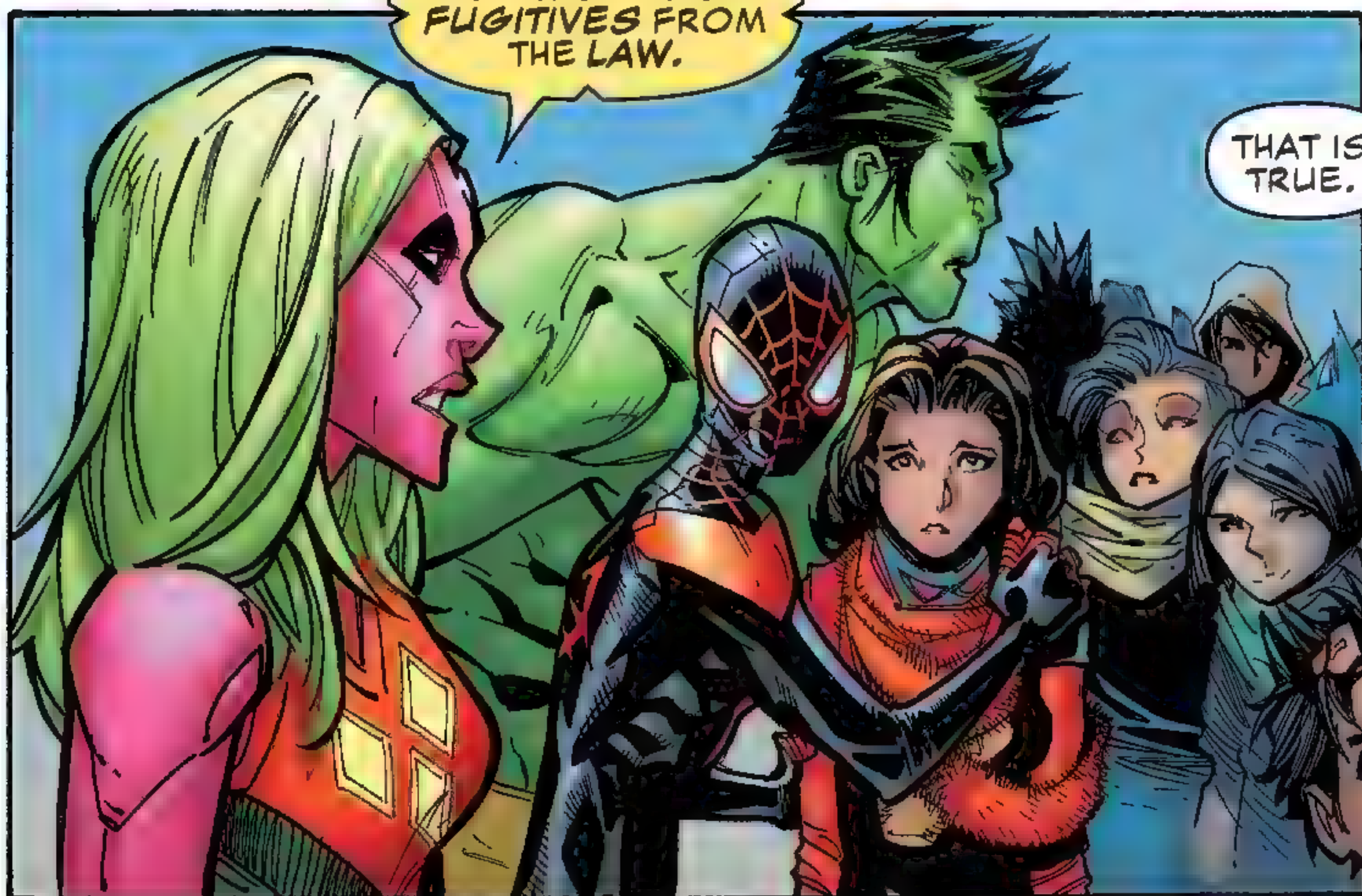


14:00

...PROBLEM. SOME WANT TO GO, BUT SOME WANT TO STAY.

STAY? IN PRISON? WHY?

THEY DO NOT WISH TO BE FLUGTIVES FROM THE LAW.



THAT IS TRUE.

12:00

WHAT'S HAPPENING IS BRUTALLY UNJUST, BUT WE AND OUR CHILDREN ARE WELL CARED FOR HERE.



OUT THERE, WE WOULD BE HUNTED RELENTLESSLY. IT WOULD BE A LIFE OF FEAR AND DESPERATION.

SOME OF US ARE WILLING TO MAKE THAT TRADE AND FIGHT, EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT WIN. BUT THOSE WHO STAY MAY BE MADE TO PAY FOR THEIR ESCAPE, AND THAT TERRIFIES THEM.

SO IF WE LET THEM GO, WE FEED HALF THE INHUMANS RIGHT TO THE ENEMY. IF WE FORCE THEM TO STAY, WE'RE NO BETTER THAN HYDRA. DAMN.

KOBAYASHI MARU. PLUS, TICK TOCK.

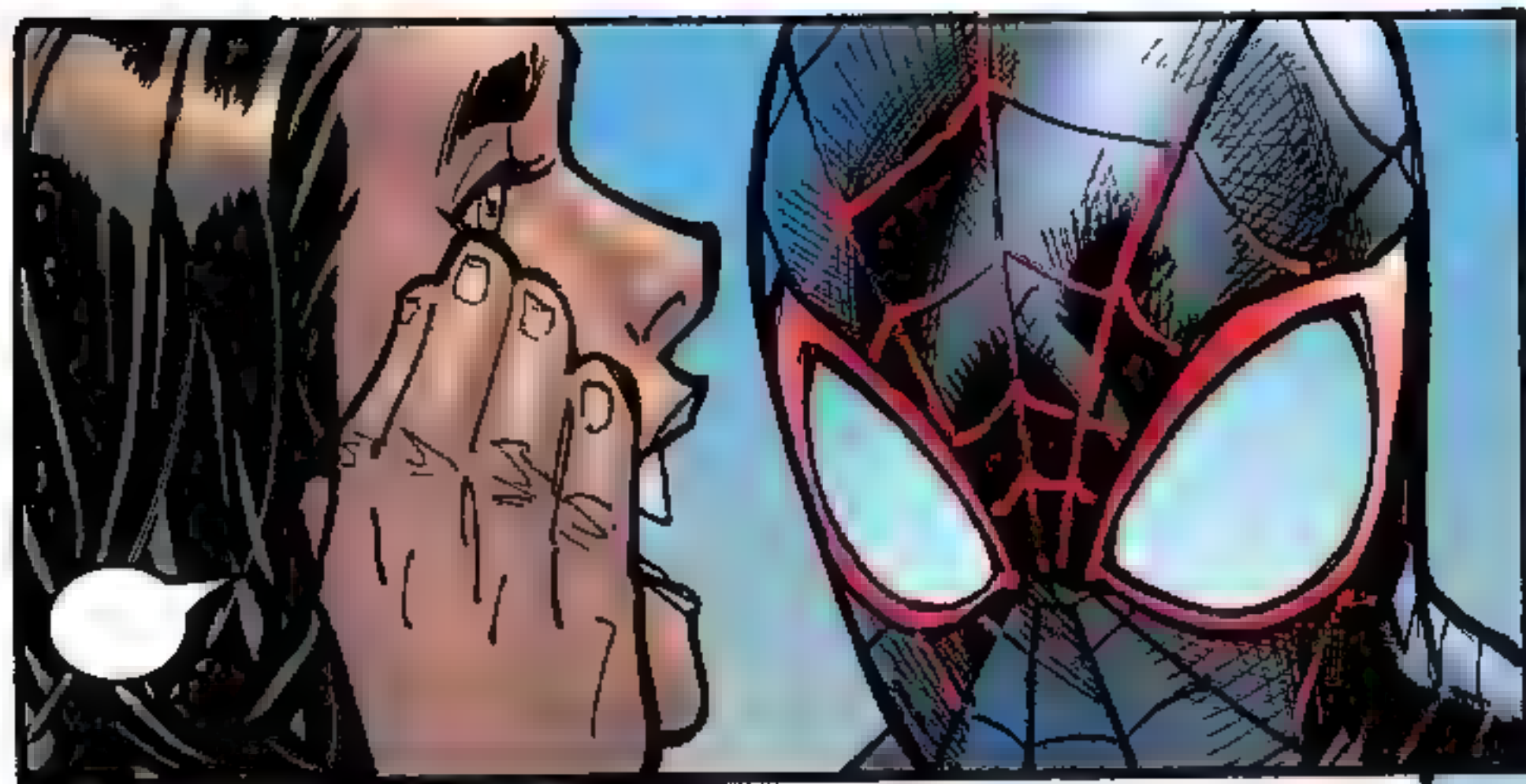
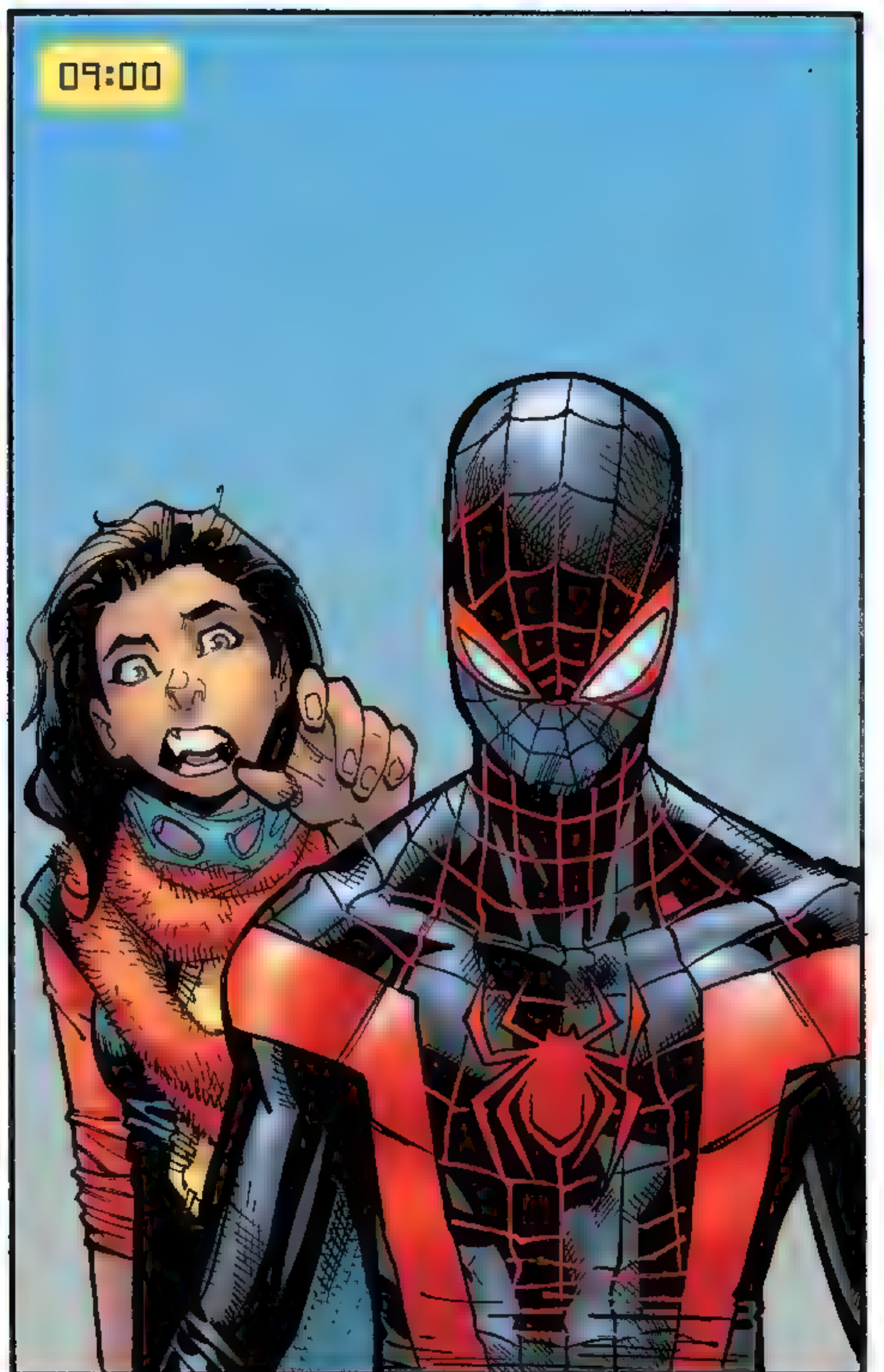
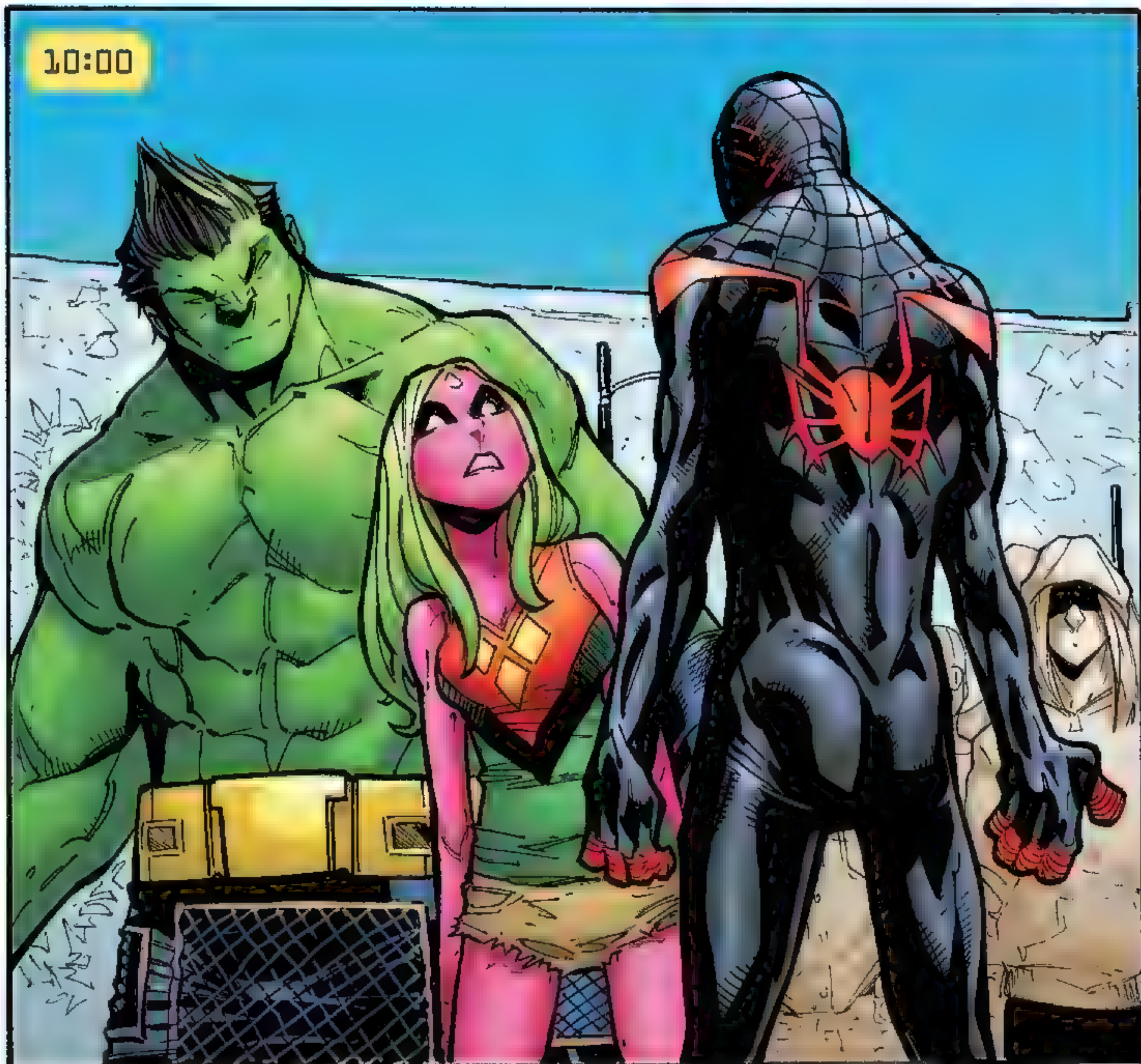
TRUST ME, AS AN ASIAN AMERICAN, I HAVE A DEEP HISTORICAL HATRED FOR INTERNMENT, BUT WE MIGHT HAVE TO RETREAT AND TRY SOME OTHER--



11:00

MARVEL'S NOT HERE! AND THESE PEOPLE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG! NONE OF THIS IS FAIR!

SPIDER-MAN--



03:00

THERE IS MUCH WIRING UP TODAY.

WE'RE ON TO SOMETHING! MAKE OR BREAK! AND IT'S ONLY GOING TO WORK IF WE FEED THE TOWN'S ENTIRE POWER GRID THROUGH YOU.

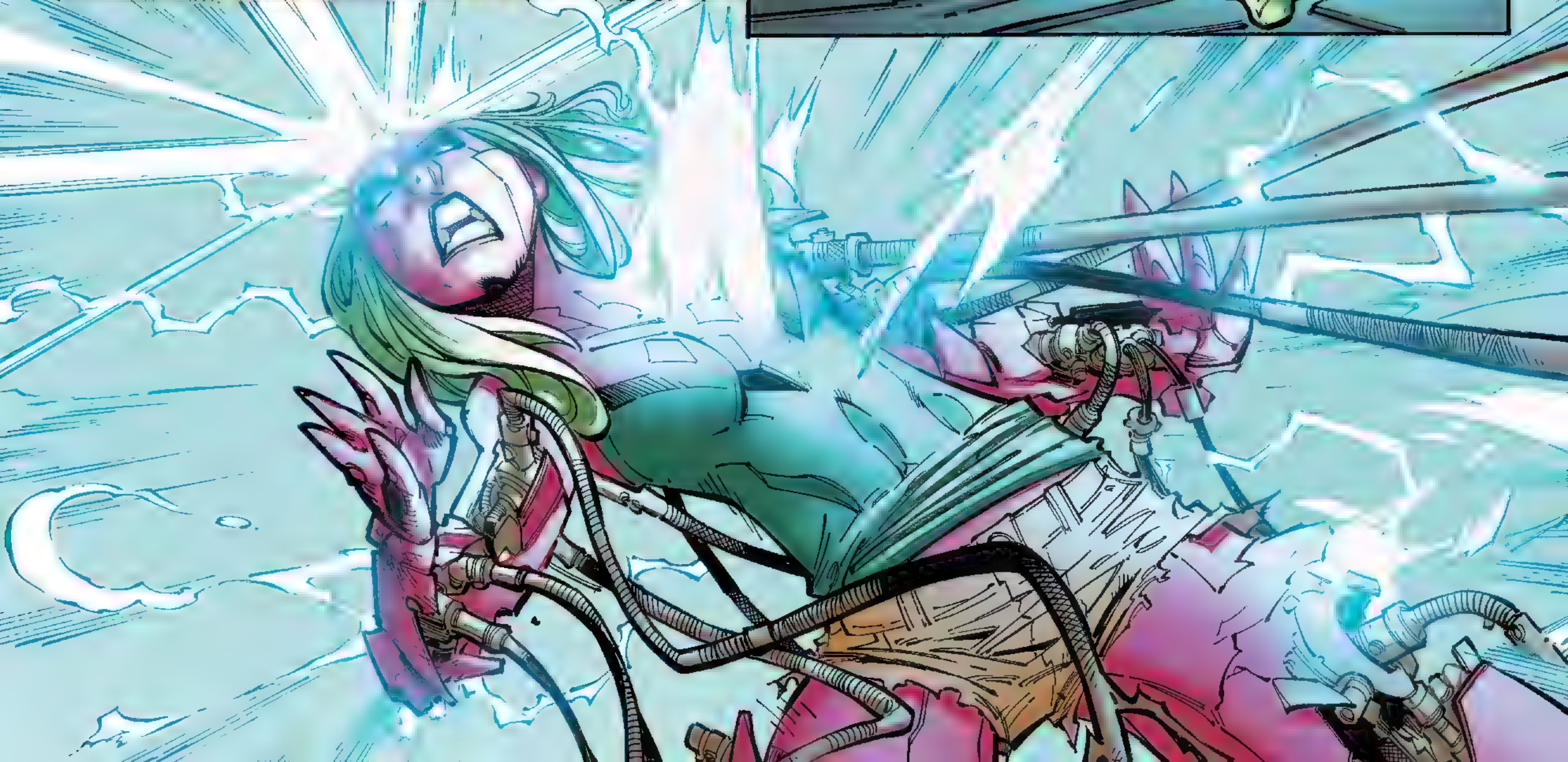
IT'LL PROBABLY HURT A LOT. I'M SORRY.

FINGERS CROSSED, KAY.

VIV HERE CREATED A HOLOGRAPHIC ILLUSION IN ORDER TO SNEAK INTO THIS PLACE.

SO YOU HAVE SAID. I WILL PARTICIPATE NONETHELESS.

IT IS THE VERY DEFINITION OF A HAIL MARY, BUT IF WE JUICE HER UP ENOUGH--



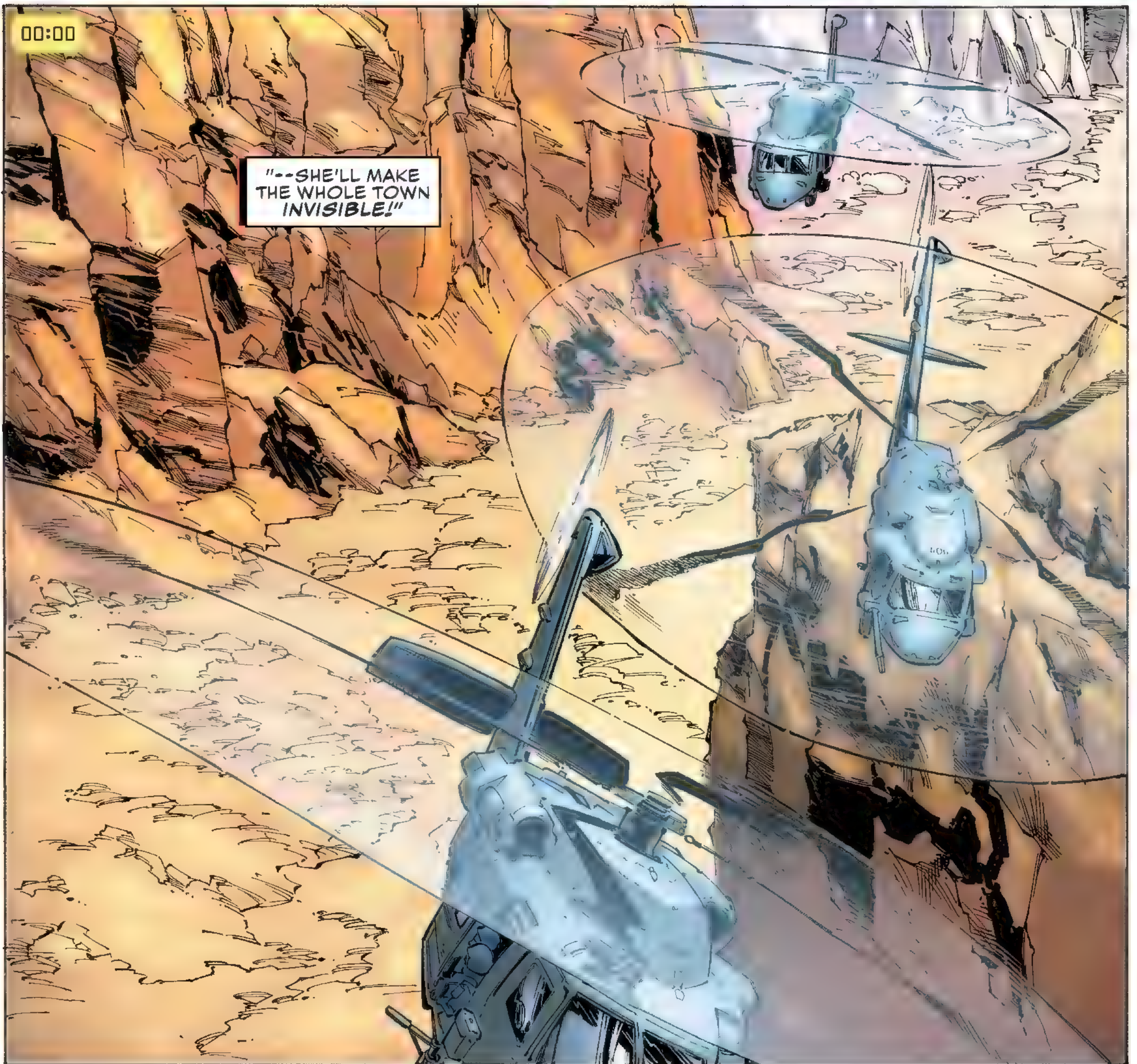
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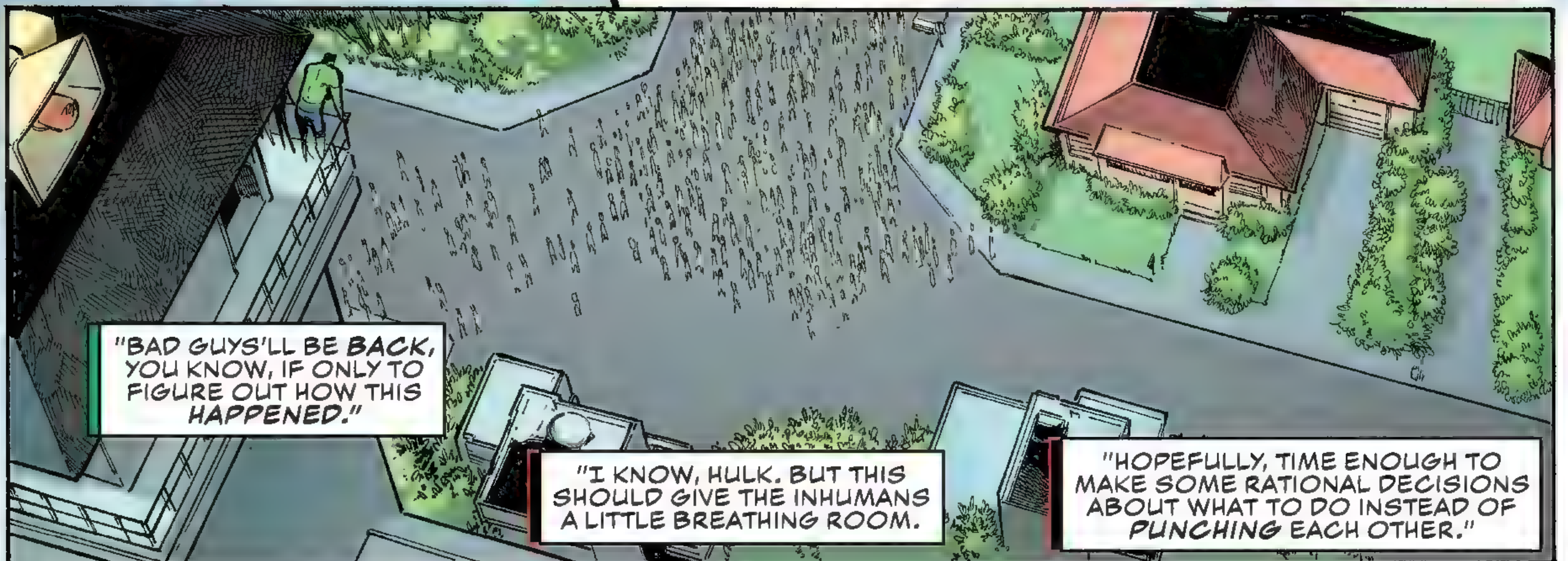
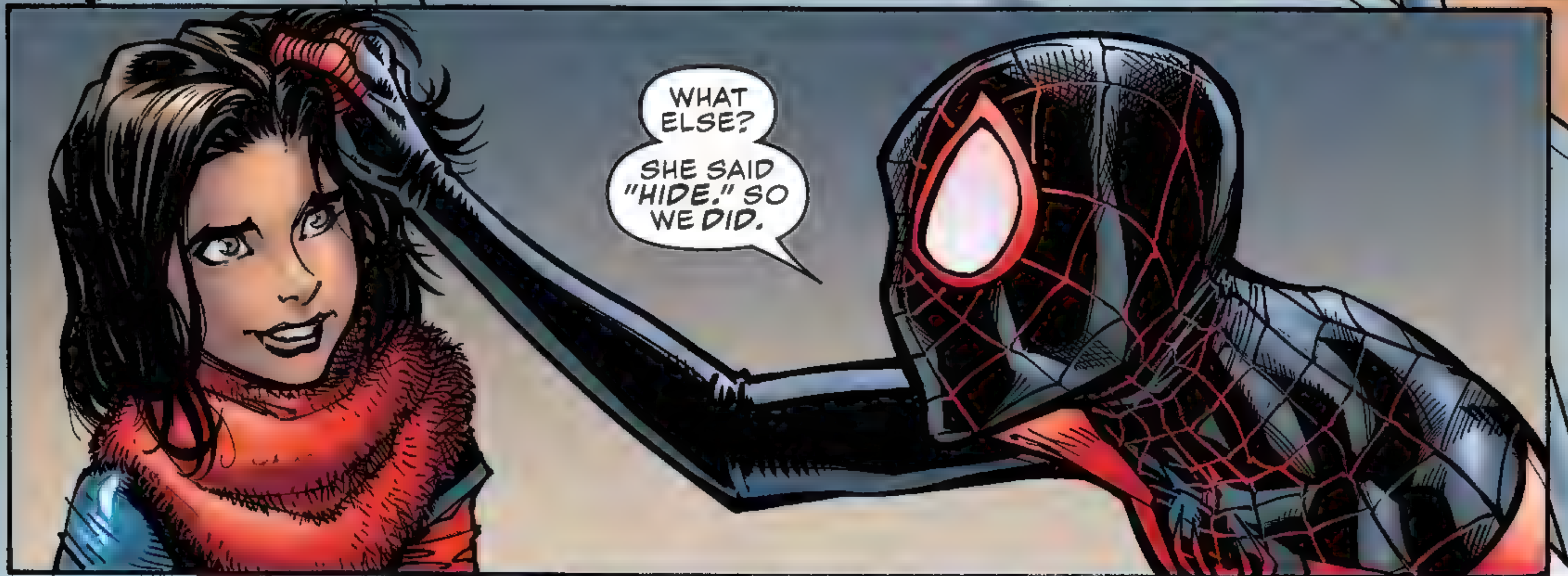
"--IF SHE CAN DO IT
AGAIN ON A BIG
ENOUGH SCALE--"



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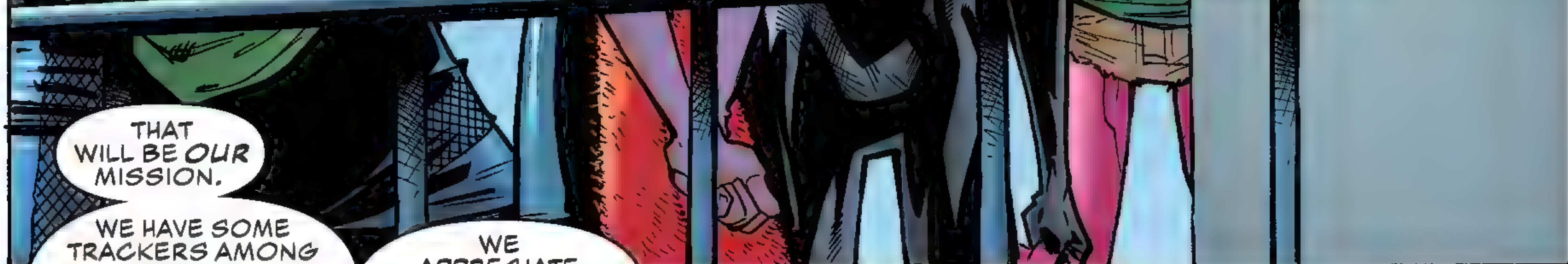
"--SHE'LL MAKE
THE WHOLE TOWN
INVISIBLE!"







KAY, SPIDER SAYS
YOUR FOLKS ARE IN
SOME OTHER CAMP. I
WISH WE KNEW WHERE
TO LOOK.



THAT
WILL BE OUR
MISSION.

WE HAVE SOME
TRACKERS AMONG
US, AS WELL AS SOME
TELEPATHS. WE ARE IN
A BETTER POSITION
TO SEARCH
THAN YOU.

WE
APPRECIATE
THE OPPORTUNITY
YOU HAVE GIVEN US,
BUT THIS IS NOT
YOUR FIGHT.



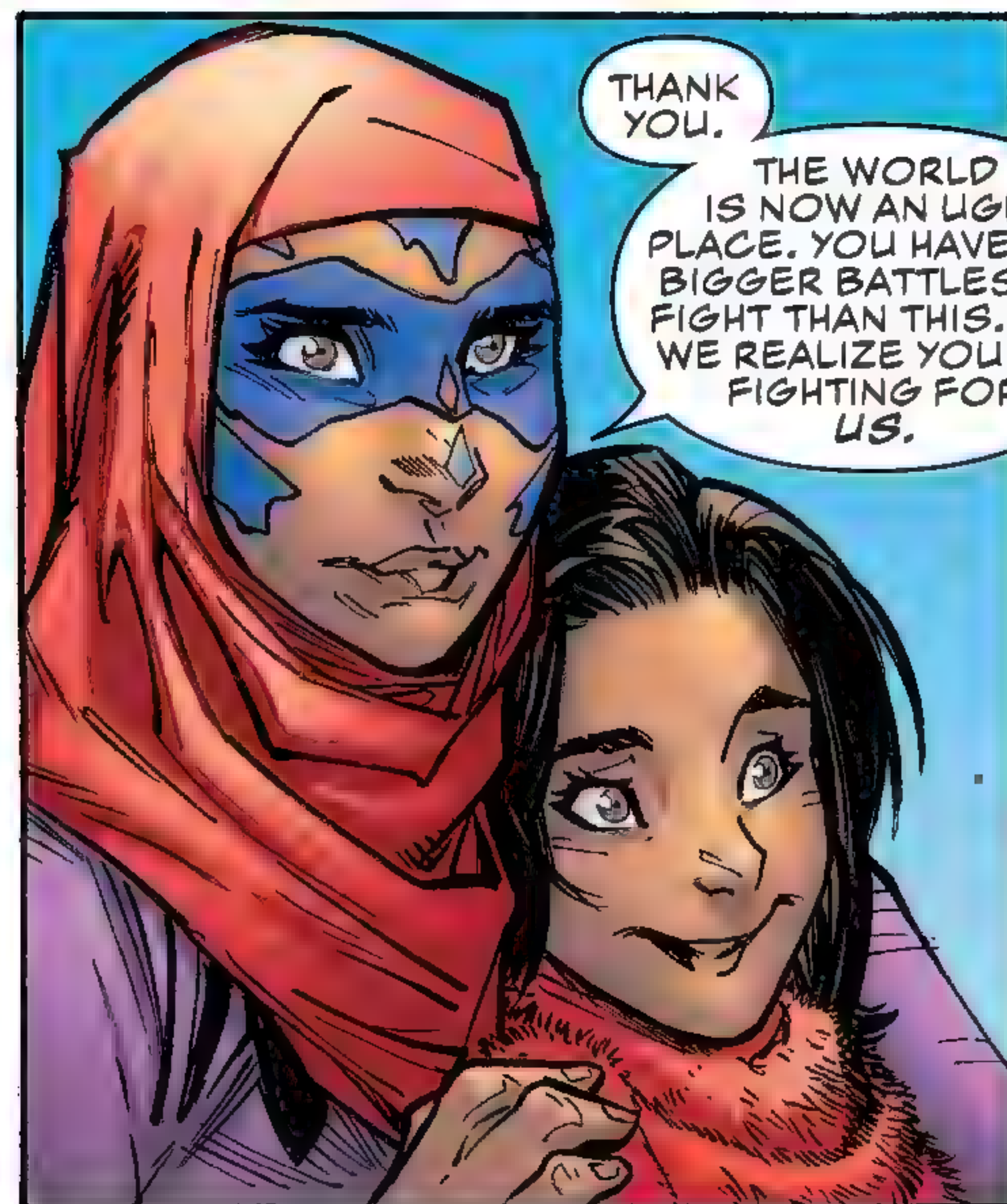
SHE CAN
FLY? SHE HAS A
SUPER-POWER. THAT
MAKES SENSE.

WE WILL
CARE FOR KAMALA.
YOU HAVE MY WORD WE
WILL KEEP HER
SAFE.



IF
YOU FIND OUR
FRIEND--

--WE WILL
CONTACT YOU,
YES.



THANK
YOU.

THE WORLD
IS NOW AN UGLY
PLACE. YOU HAVE FAR
BIGGER BATTLES TO
FIGHT THAN THIS. BUT
WE REALIZE YOU ARE
FIGHTING FOR
US.



WE
KNOW YOU ARE OUR
CHAMPIONS.

NEXT: LOST AND FOUND!

MARVEL

#11



CHAMPIONS™

WAID
RAMOS
OLAZABA
DELGADO





**LAS VEGAS OBLITERATION + 11 HOURS.
RESCUE EFFORT NORTH: HULK AND FALCON.**



FIVE
HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-
THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN
HUNDRED AND FIFTY-
SIX RESIDENTS.

ONE
HUNDRED AND
FIVE THOUSAND
TOURISTS.



I THINK
A LOT. I'M VERY
GOOD AT IT. I THINK A LOT
ABOUT A LOT OF DIFFERENT
THINGS, MOSTLY ALL
AT ONCE. I ENJOY
THINKING.

BUT NOT
ABOUT THOSE
NUMBERS.

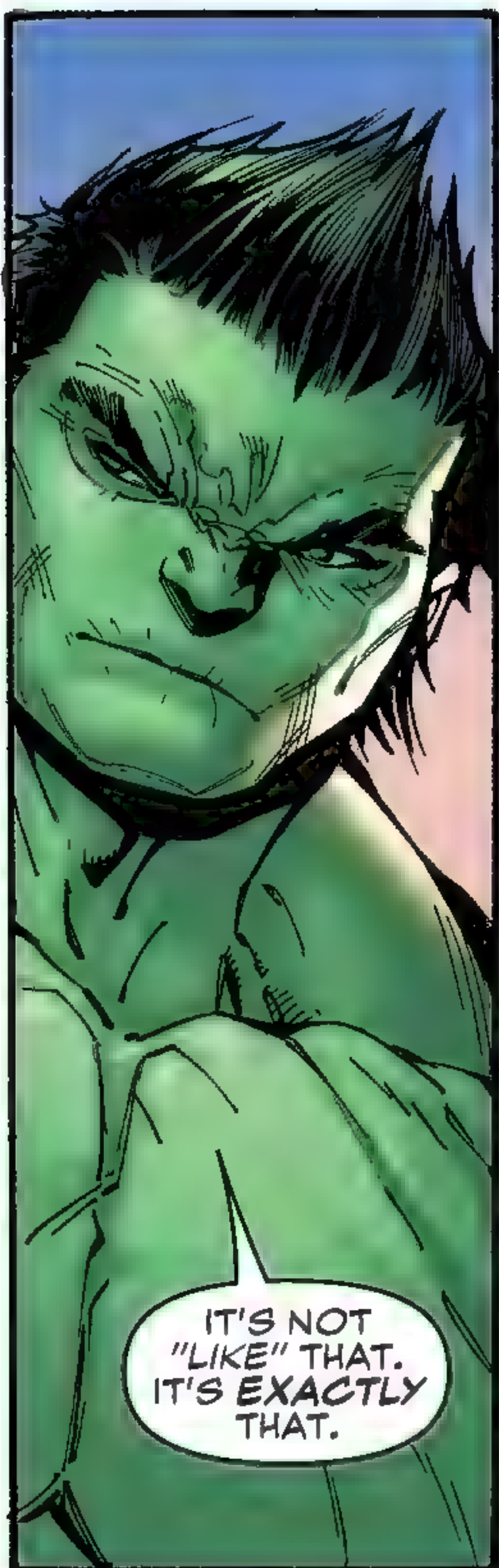


THERE
HAD TO HAVE BEEN
SOME SURVIVORS,
HULK.

FIND
ONE.



IT'S LIKE
ONE MINUTE VEGAS
WAS HERE, AND THE NEXT,
HYDRA LEVELED IT JUST
AS A SHOW OF
STRENGTH.



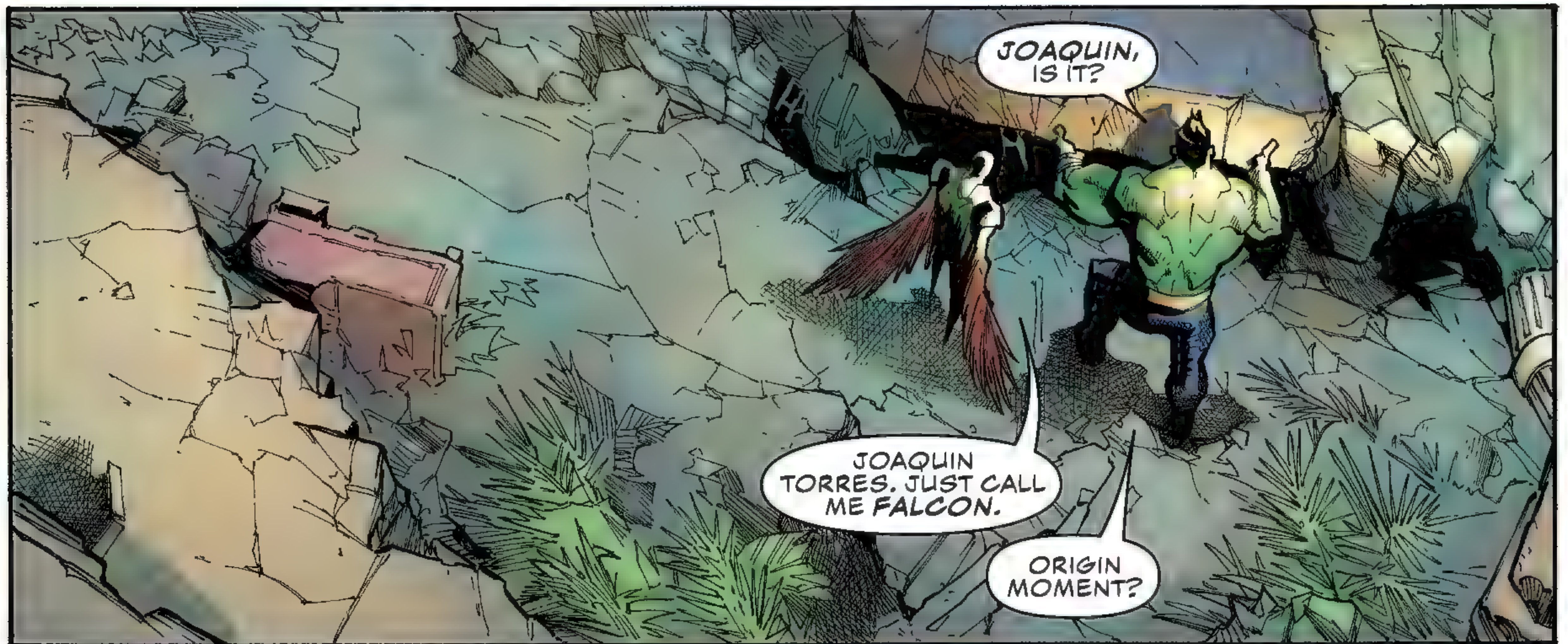
IT'S NOT
"LIKE" THAT.
IT'S EXACTLY
THAT.



SORRY. THAT
WAS SNARKY. A SNIDE
REMARK.

THAT'S WHAT
"SNARKY" IS SHORT
FOR. BRITISH SLANG
DATING BACK TO
1906, ACTUA--

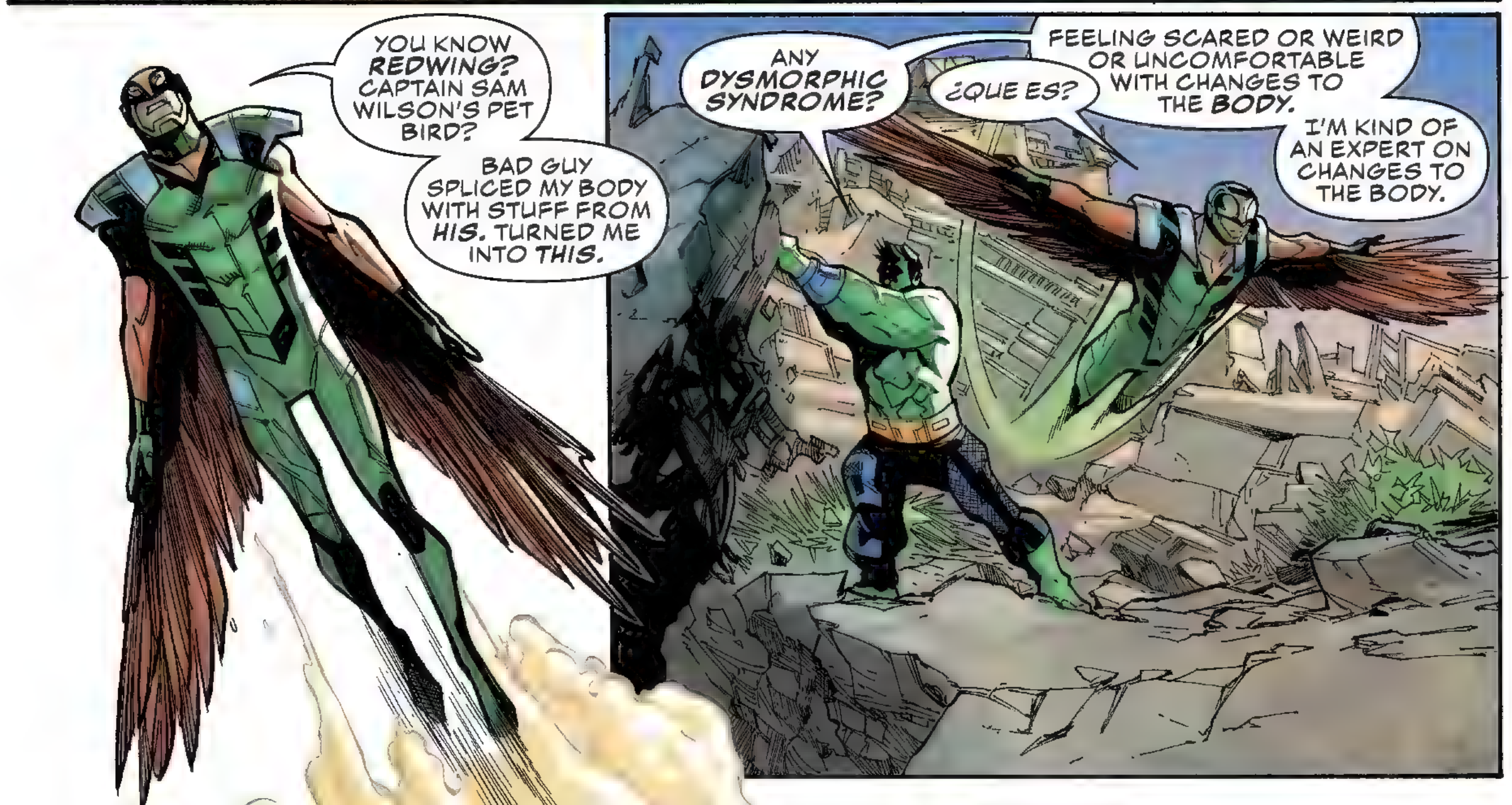
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO SHOW
OFF YOUR SMARTS,
DUDE. I'M ALREADY
IMPRESSED.



JOAQUIN,
IS IT?

JOAQUIN
TORRES. JUST CALL
ME FALCON.

ORIGIN
MOMENT?



YOU KNOW
REDWING?
CAPTAIN SAM
WILSON'S PET
BIRD?

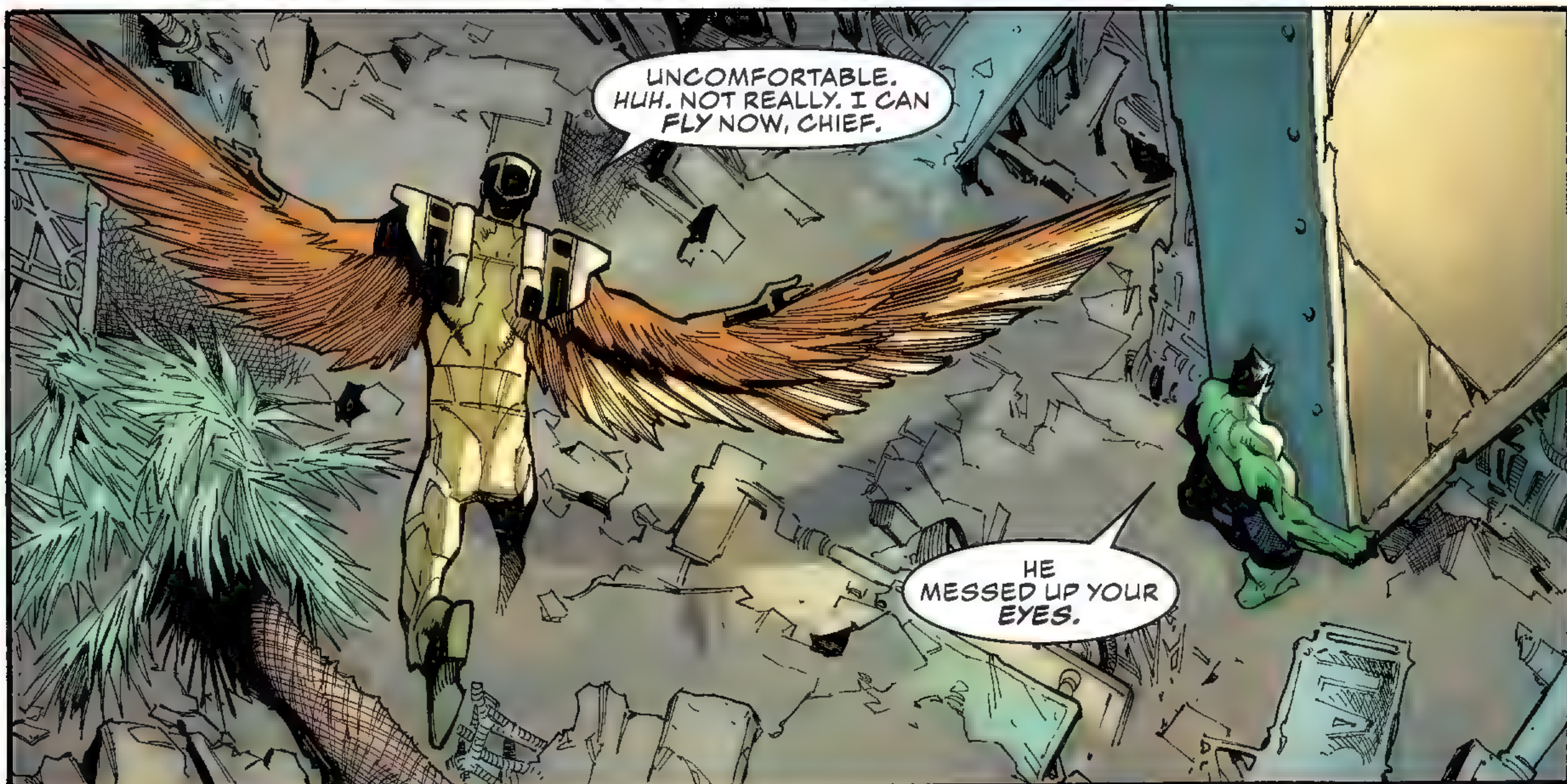
BAD GUY
SPICED MY BODY
WITH STUFF FROM
HIS. TURNED ME
INTO THIS.

ANY
DYSMORPHIC
SYNDROME?

¿QUE ES?

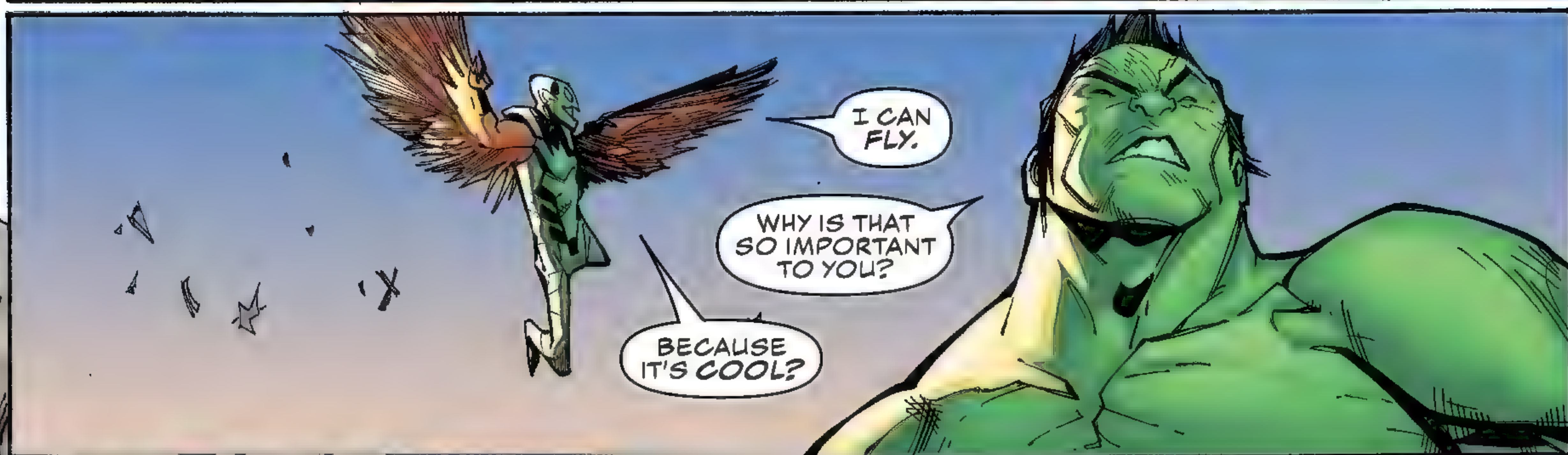
FEELING SCARED OR WEIRD
OR UNCOMFORTABLE
WITH CHANGES TO
THE BODY.

I'M KIND OF
AN EXPERT ON
CHANGES TO
THE BODY.



UNCOMFORTABLE.
HUH. NOT REALLY. I CAN
FLY NOW, CHIEF.

HE
MESSED UP YOUR
EYES.



I CAN
FLY.

WHY IS THAT
SO IMPORTANT
TO YOU?

BECAUSE
IT'S COOL?



BZZZT.
TRY AGAIN. WHY
WERE YOU OKAY WITH
SUCH A HUGE TRADE-
OFF?



...
I'M AN
ARIZONA BOY. I
SEE A LOT OF HOPEFULS
ON THE MEXICAN BORDER
STRUGGLING TO GET
INTO THE U.S.

AMERICA
MEANS OPPORTUNITY
TO THEM. IT MEANS
FREEDOM FROM
TYRANNY.

I HAVE
A VERY BIG
PLACE IN MY
HEART FOR
FREEDOM.



YOU SEE ANY SIGNS OF LIFE FROM UP THERE?

NADA. NORMALLY, I CAN MAKE A MENTAL LINK WITH ANY BIRDS IN THE AREA SO I CAN LOOK THROUGH THEIR EYES.



THERE AREN'T ANY BIRDS HERE.



THERE'S HOPE, EVEN UNDER ALL THIS RUBBLE. THERE ARE SOME AIR POCKETS DOWN HERE BECAUSE OF THE CARS.

CARS?

CONSIDER HOW MANY CARS WERE IN LAS VEGAS WHEN THIS HAPPENED. ASSUMING 1.8 AVERAGE PER HOUSEHOLD, PLUS TOURISTS, LET'S SAY 212,500.



LET'S ALSO SAY MAYBE A THIRD OF THEM EXPLODED DUE TO FALLING RUBBLE.

ALLOWING FOR AN AVERAGE OF SIX GALLONS OF GASOLINE IN EACH ONE, THAT'S ROUGHLY 400,000 NEWTONS OF ENERGY PER TANK.



CONSERVATIVELY-- CONSERVATIVELY-- THEY'D EACH GIVE OFF ENOUGH FORCE TO SHRED PRETTY MUCH ANYTHING IN A TEN-FOOT RADIUS.

THAT'S GOING TO CREATE SOME SPACE.



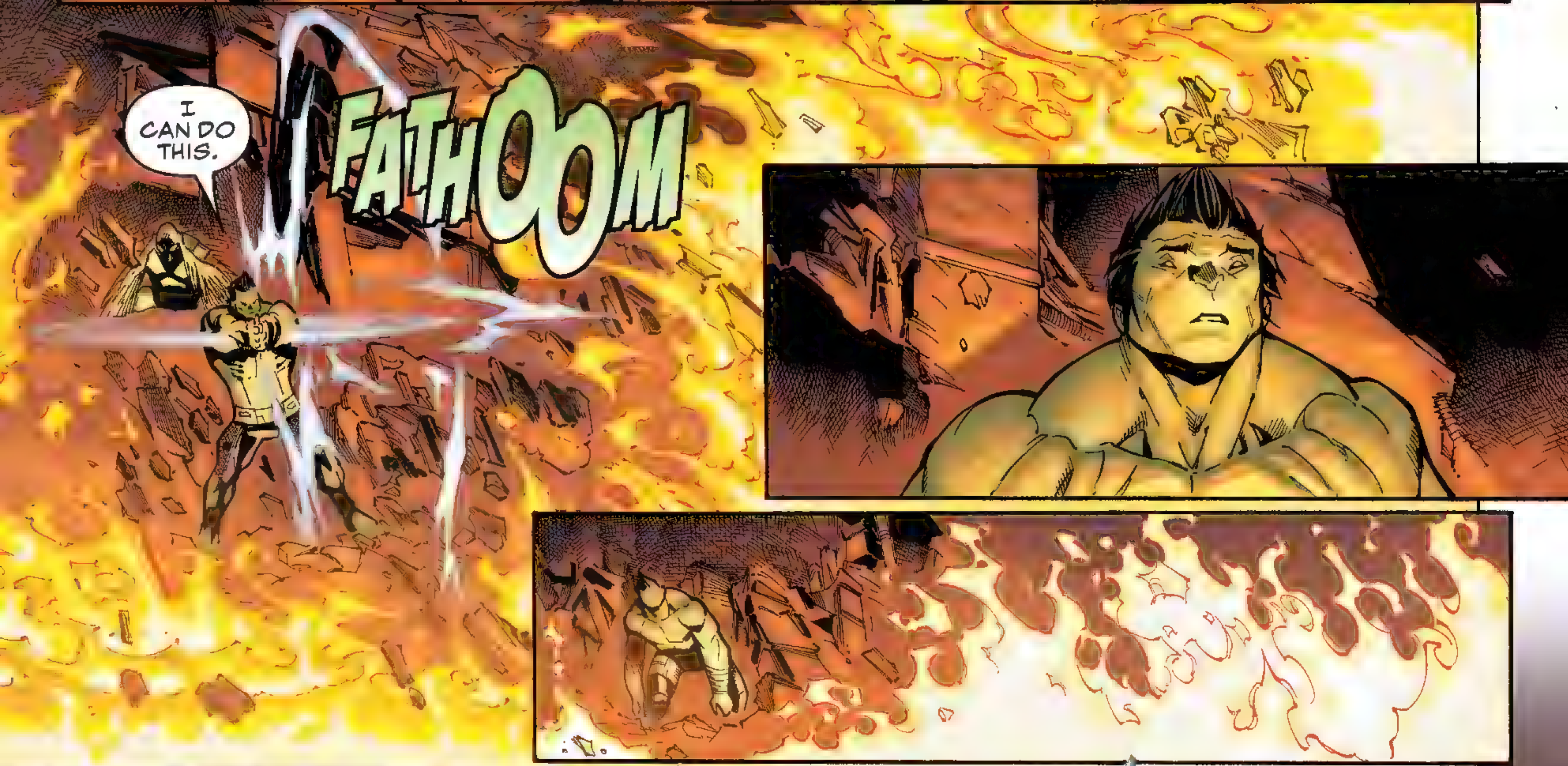
IT'S
ALSO GOING
TO IGNITE SOME
UNDERGROUND
GAS LINES.

IF ANY
SURVIVORS ARE
TRYING TO CLIMB
OUT, THEY'LL NEVER
GET PAST
THAT.



HANG
BACK AND COVER
YOUR EARS. I CAN
EXTINGUISH
THIS.

YOU'RE
KIDDING, RIGHT?
THAT ISN'T A BONFIRE.
THAT'S A LAKE OF
FLAME. IT'S WAY
TOO BIG TO--



I
CAN DO
THIS.

FATHOOM

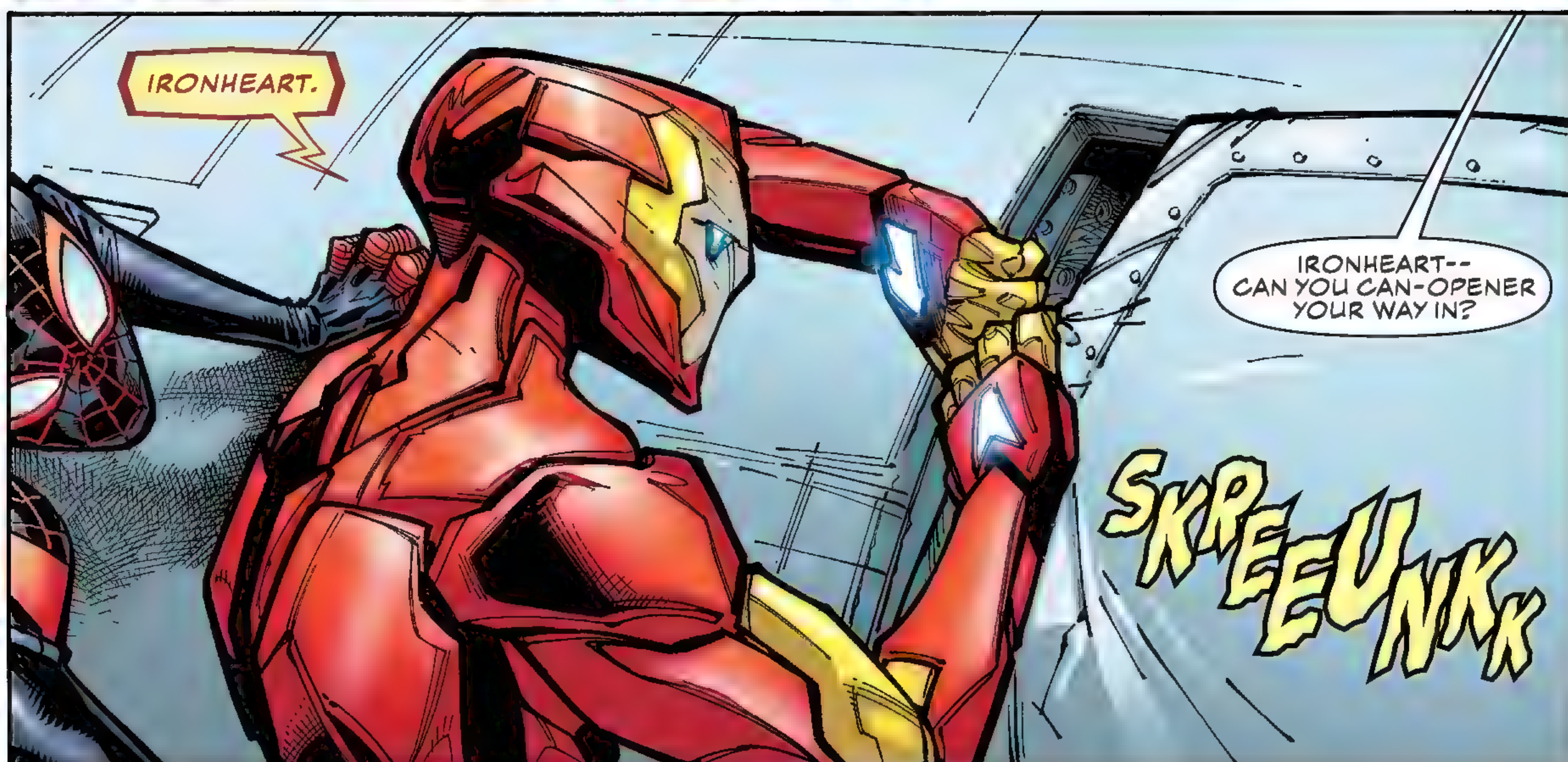
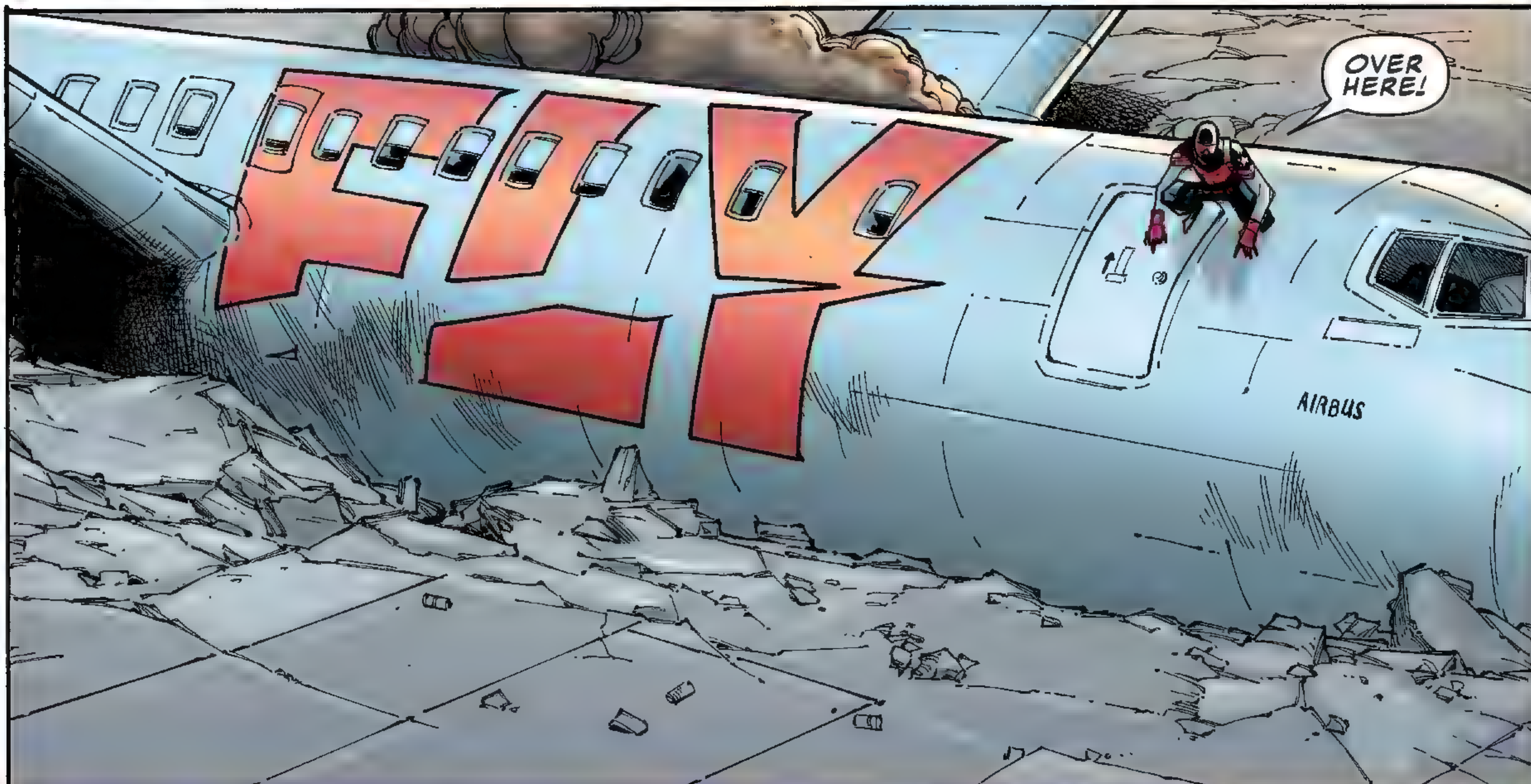


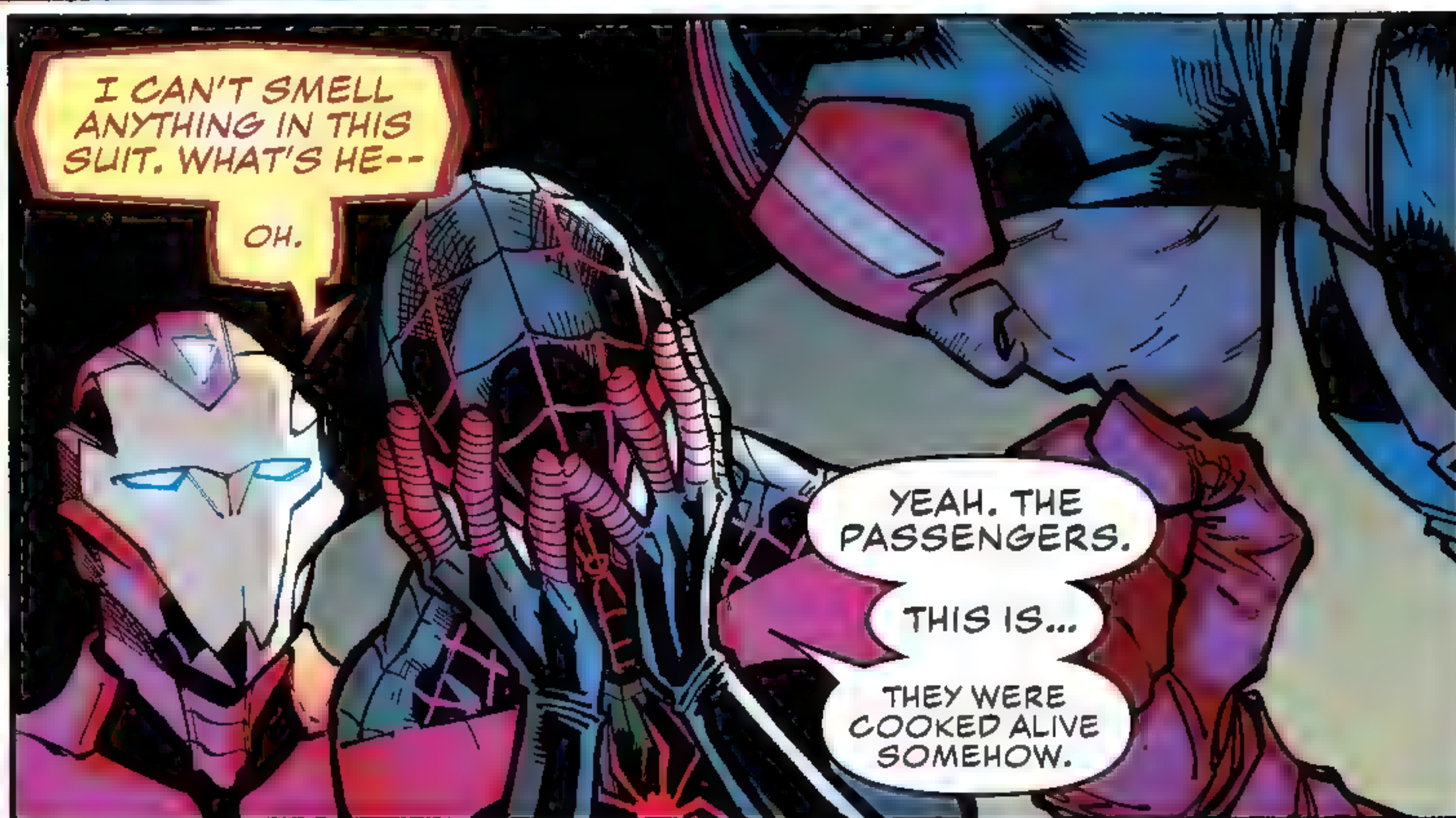
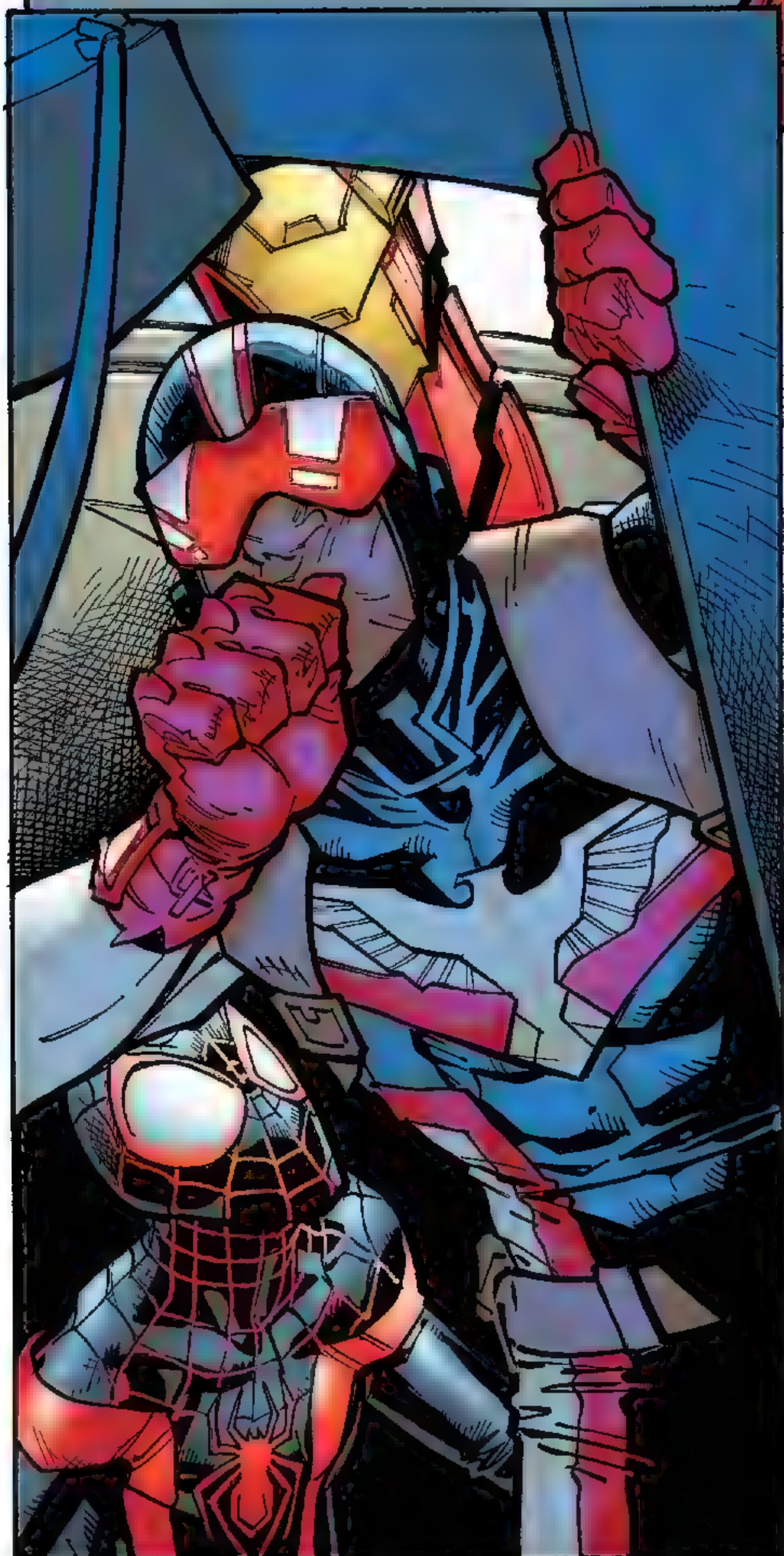
I
CAN DO
THIS.

FATHOOM



**RESCUE EFFORT SOUTH:
SPIDER-MAN, IRONHEART AND PATRIOT.**







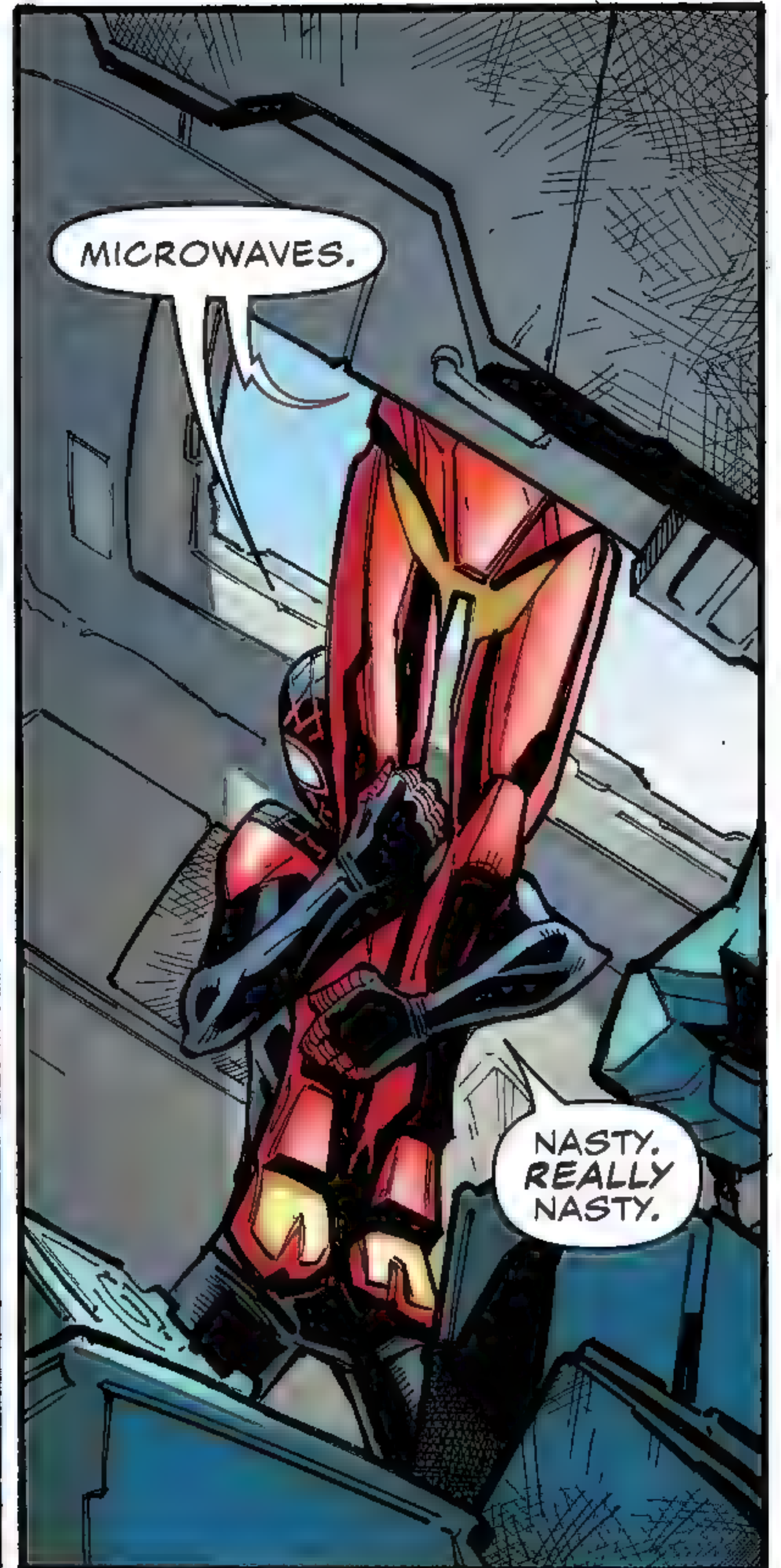
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

THE SUIT
HAS...

...HAS INTERNAL
STABILIZERS AND
ASPIRATED MEDS
TO HELP...OH,
GOD...

...HELP WITH
THE NAUSEA
I GOT...FIRST
TIME I FLEW.

THEY'RE
WORKING
TRIPLE-TIME.



MICROWAVES.

NASTY.
REALLY
NASTY.



EXPLAINS WHY SO MANY
OF THE PLANES WEREN'T
DAMAGED. WHY BOTHER?



JUST SIC
SOME SORT OF
MOBILE, FULL-BLAST
MICROWAVE EMITTER
ON THE WHOLE
AIRFIELD.

JUDGING BY
THE TRACKS IT
LEFT BEHIND, IT HAD TO
HAVE BEEN AT LEAST THE
SIZE OF A THREE-
CAR GARAGE.



ARE
YOU UP FOR
THIS? BECAUSE
WE NEED TO CHECK
PLACES BESIDES
THE AIRPORT.

I'M
GOOD! I'M
GOOD!

TAKE A
MINUTE. GET
YOUR WIND. THINK
ABOUT SOMETHING
ELSE. NICE SUIT.
YOU MAKE
IT?



NO. TONY STARK GAVE IT TO ME.

?
HE WHAT NOW?



PROBLEM?

NO. I JUST DIDN'T REALIZE HE WAS GIVING OUT SUITS FREE WITH PURCHASE, THAT'S ALL. DOES IT DO ANYTHING?



NOT REALLY. CAME WITH A SPY-DRONE SHIELD, BUT I LOST EYES ON IT IN ALLA THIS.

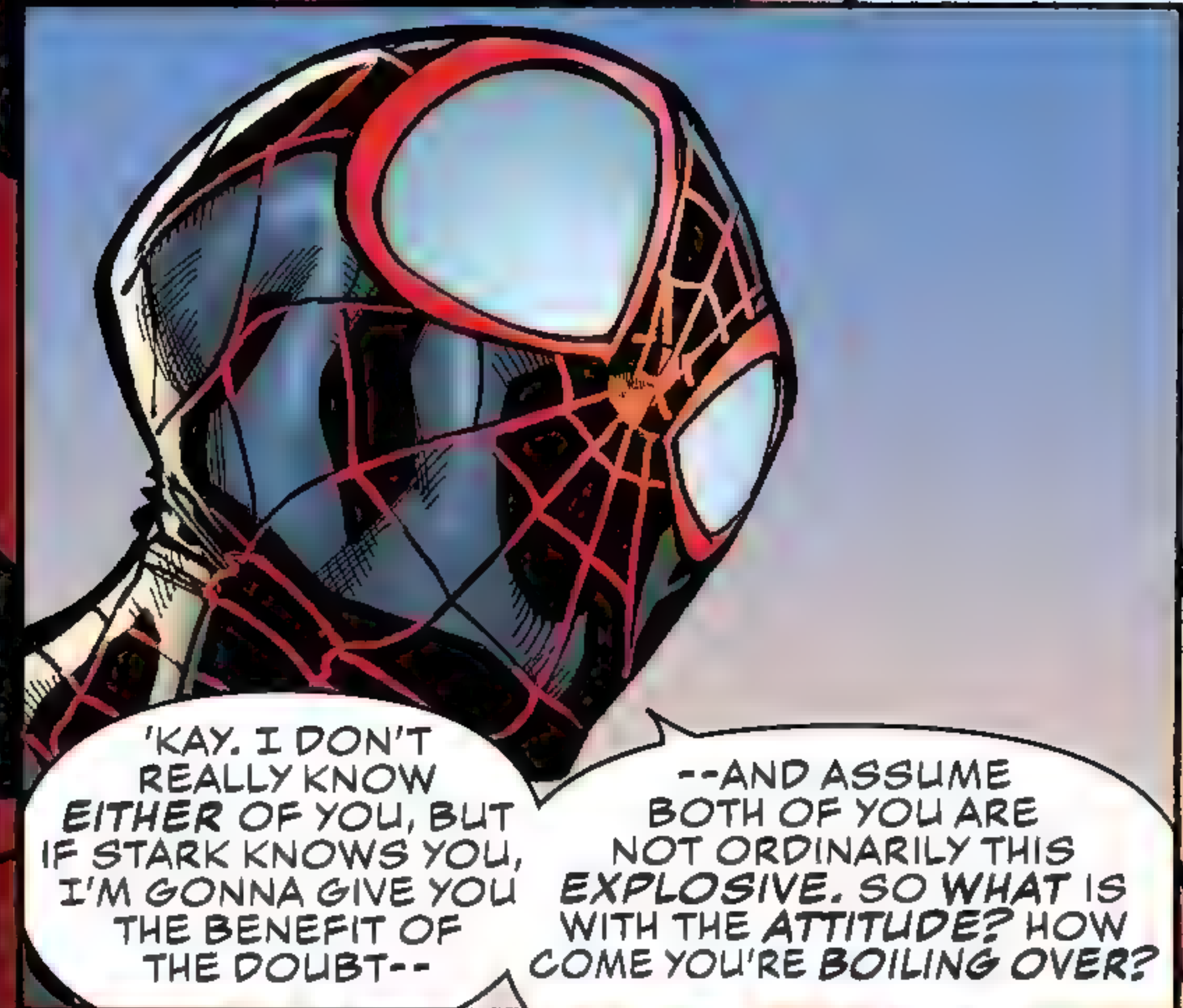
YEAH? WOW. WHAT A HERO MOMENT.



WHAT IS WITH YOU, GIRL? YOU BEEN RIDING ME ALL AFTERNOON!

TEMPER, TEMPER!

HEY! HEY! CHILL! GEEZ!



'KAY. I DON'T REALLY KNOW EITHER OF YOU, BUT IF STARK KNOWS YOU, I'M GONNA GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT--

--AND ASSUME BOTH OF YOU ARE NOT ORDINARILY THIS EXPLOSIVE. SO WHAT IS WITH THE ATTITUDE? HOW COME YOU'RE BOILING OVER?



'CAUSE I LIVE
IN A WORLD FULLA
WHITE PRIVILEGE,
AND HYDRA'S AS
W-P AS YOU
CAN GET.

YOU DON'T
THINK FOLKS
OF COLOR WILL
BE THE FIRST
ONES THEY'LL
WEED OUT?



...
I TOTALLY
GET THAT. I WAS
GONNA SAY BECAUSE
IT'S EASIER TO BE MAD
THAN TO DEAL WITH
WHAT WE'VE SEEN.
THE ENORMITY
OF IT.



SMARTEST
THINGS I'VE HEARD
YET. IRONHEART--UNLIKE
PATRIOT HERE--YOU'VE
BEEN IN THE GAME
MORE THAN FIVE
MINUTES--

--SO I'M
GONNA TALK TO
HIM--BUT YOU ARE
WELCOME TO LISTEN
IF IT HELPS AT
ALL.



PATRIOT, BRO,
THIS UGLINESS
COMES WITH THE
JOB. THAT SUCKS,
BUT IT JUST
DOES.

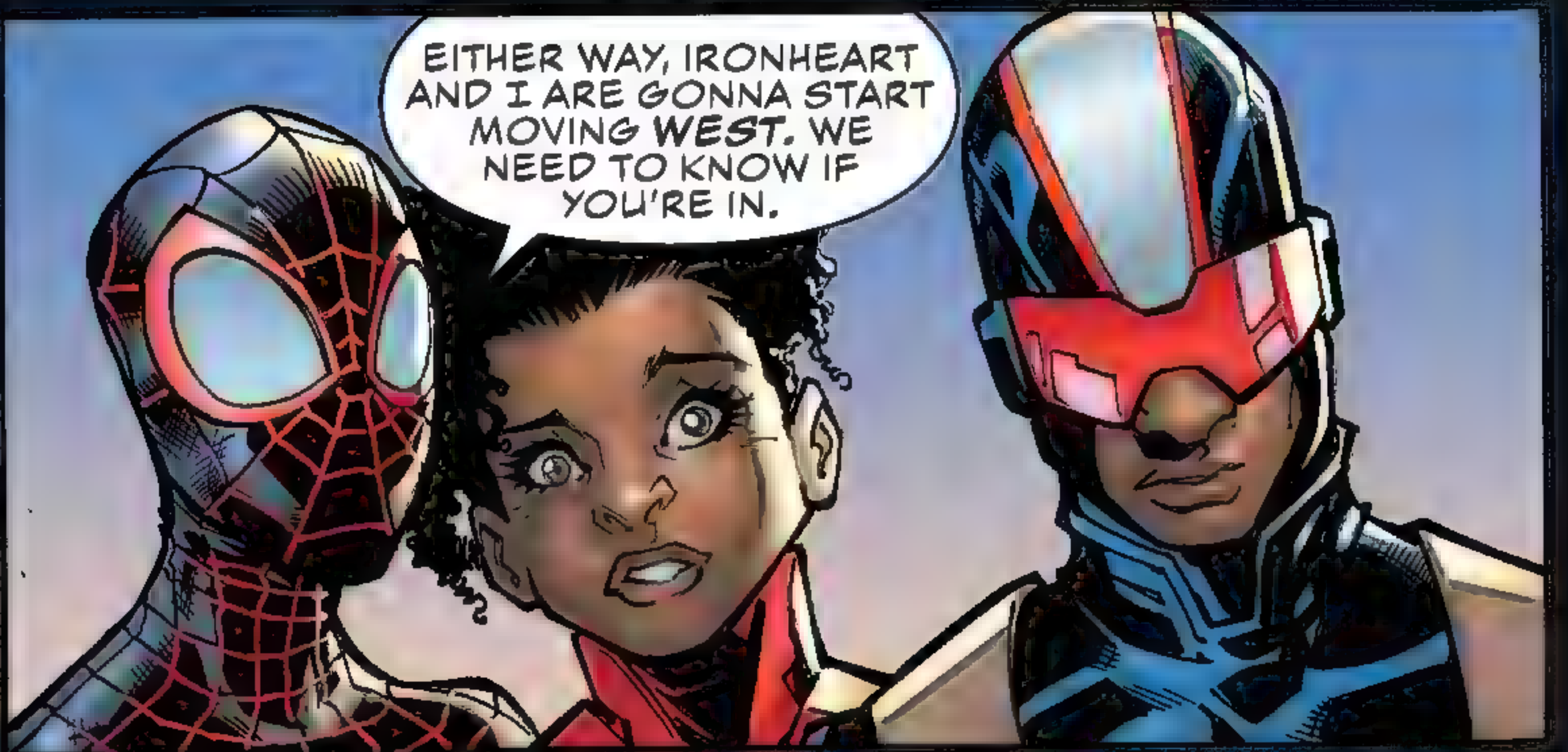
NOT THE...
NOT WHAT THE
BAD GUYS DO...
I MEAN, YEAH, BUT
THAT'S NOT WHAT
TURNS YOUR
STOMACH.

WHAT HURTS...
KILLS...IS WHEN
YOU HAVE TO PUT A
HUMAN FACE TO
WHAT THEY
DID.



WE ARE IN A WEIRD DIMENSION WHEN I'M THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE, BUT HEAR ME OUT.

I'M SORRY YOU GOT THROWN IN THE DEEP END OF THE POOL ON YOUR FIRST DAY, BUT IF THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU, I UNDERSTAND. OKAY?



EITHER WAY, IRONHEART AND I ARE GONNA START MOVING WEST. WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOU'RE IN.

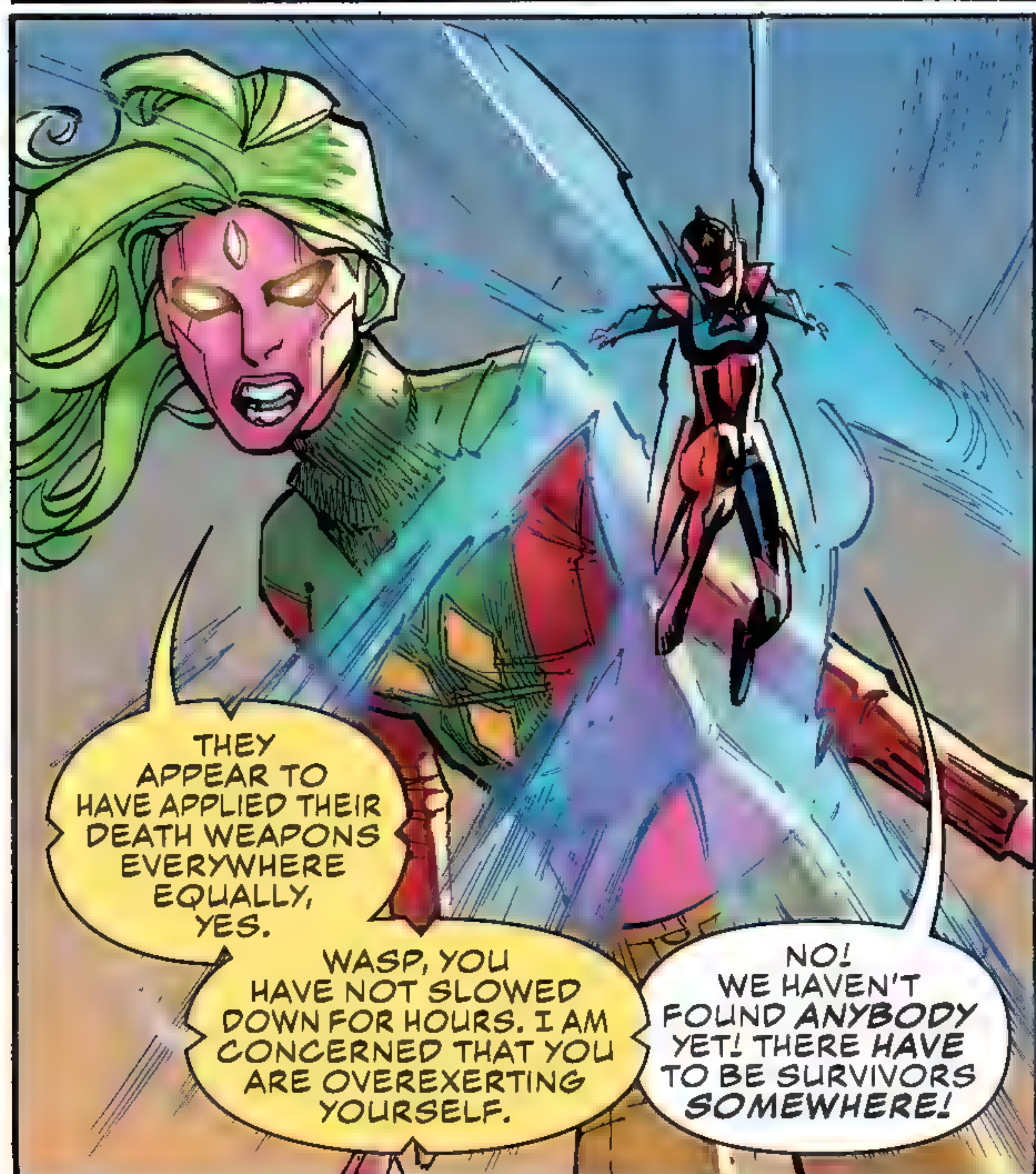


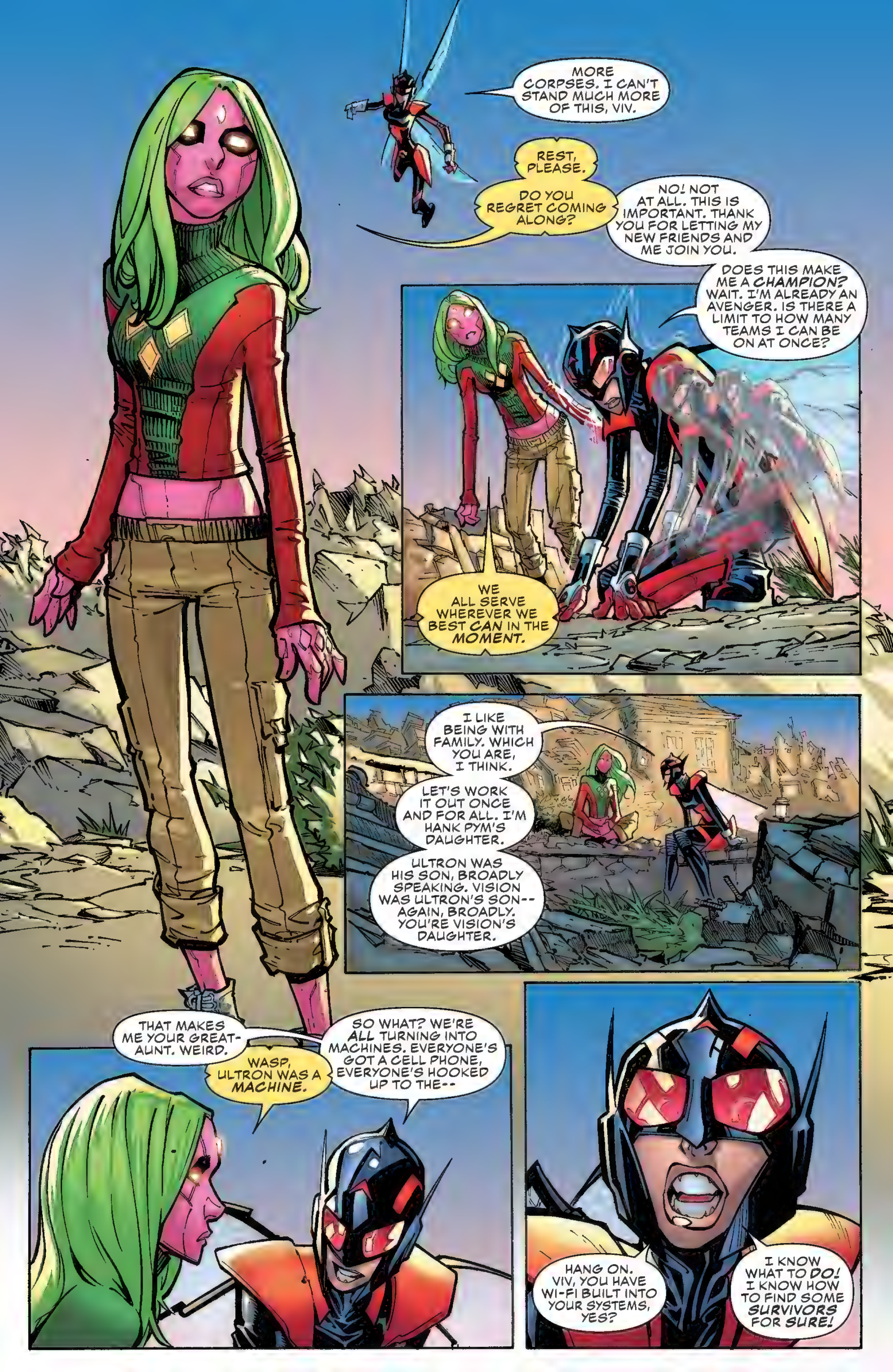
IF YOU DECIDE YOU'RE NOT UP TO IT YET, NO ONE'LL THINK ANY LESS OF YOU. I PROMISE.

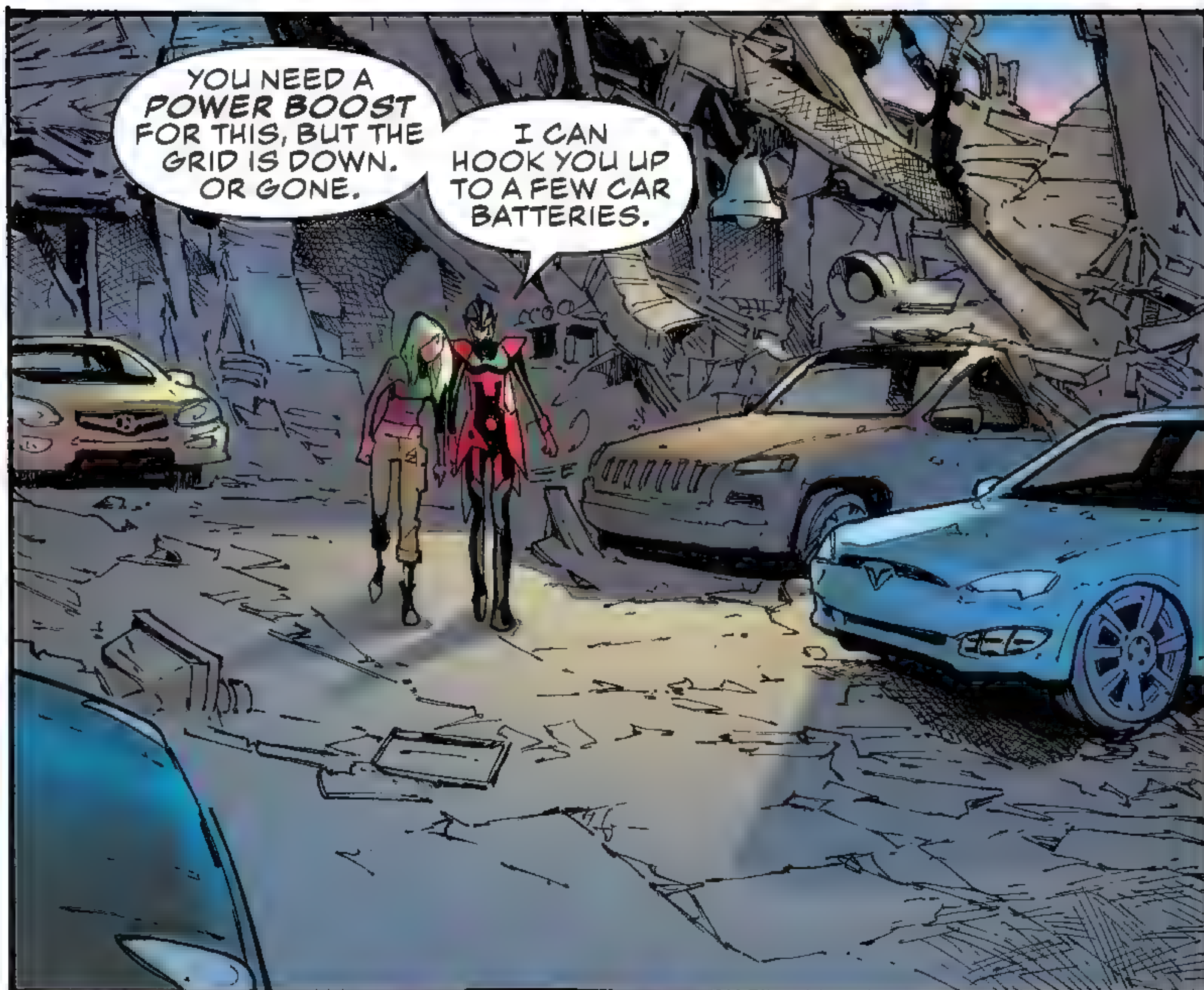


WE'LL SWING BACK AROUND WHEN WE'RE DONE. JUST...TAKE CARE, ALL RIGHT?

RESCUE EFFORT WEST: VIV VISION AND WASP.







YOU NEED A **POWER BOOST** FOR THIS, BUT THE GRID IS DOWN. OR GONE.

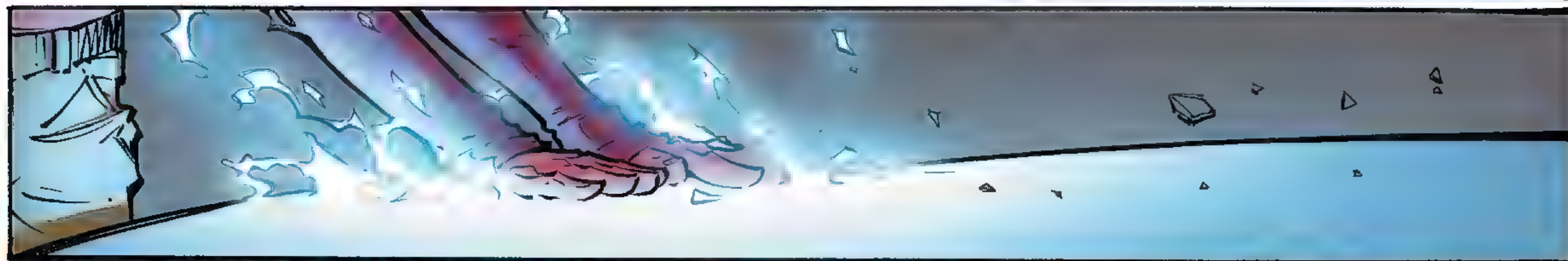
I CAN HOOK YOU UP TO A FEW CAR BATTERIES.



SURVIVORS WOULD BE ON THEIR PHONES, RIGHT? TRYING AND FAILING TO CALL SOMEONE.

A LITTLE INTERNAL REPROGRAMMING, AND YOU **SHOULD** BE ABLE TO TRACK AND MAP THOSE PHONES, YOU THINK?

POSSIBLY.



YES! NOW LIGHT UP THE LIVE PHONES SO WE KNOW WHERE TO GO!



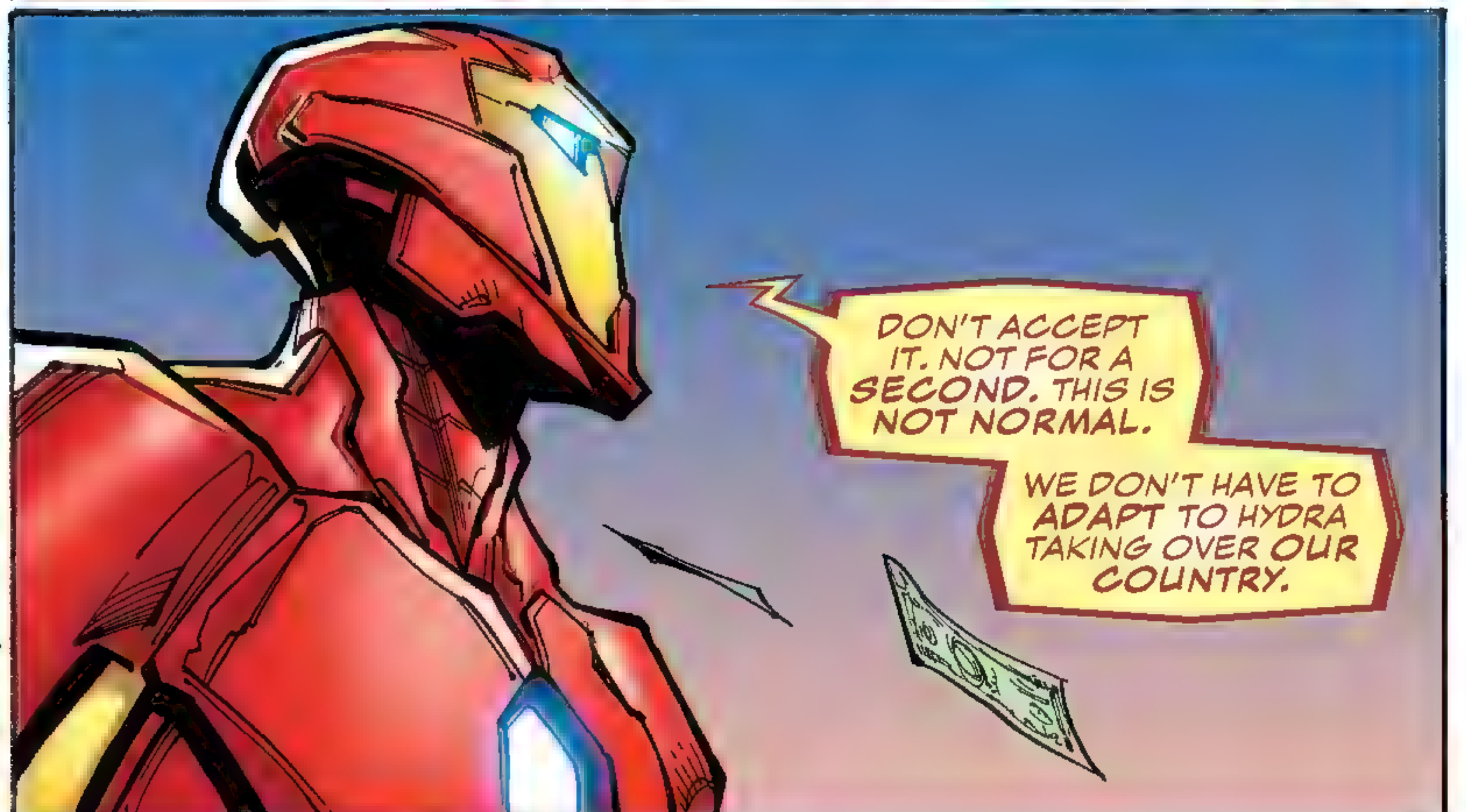
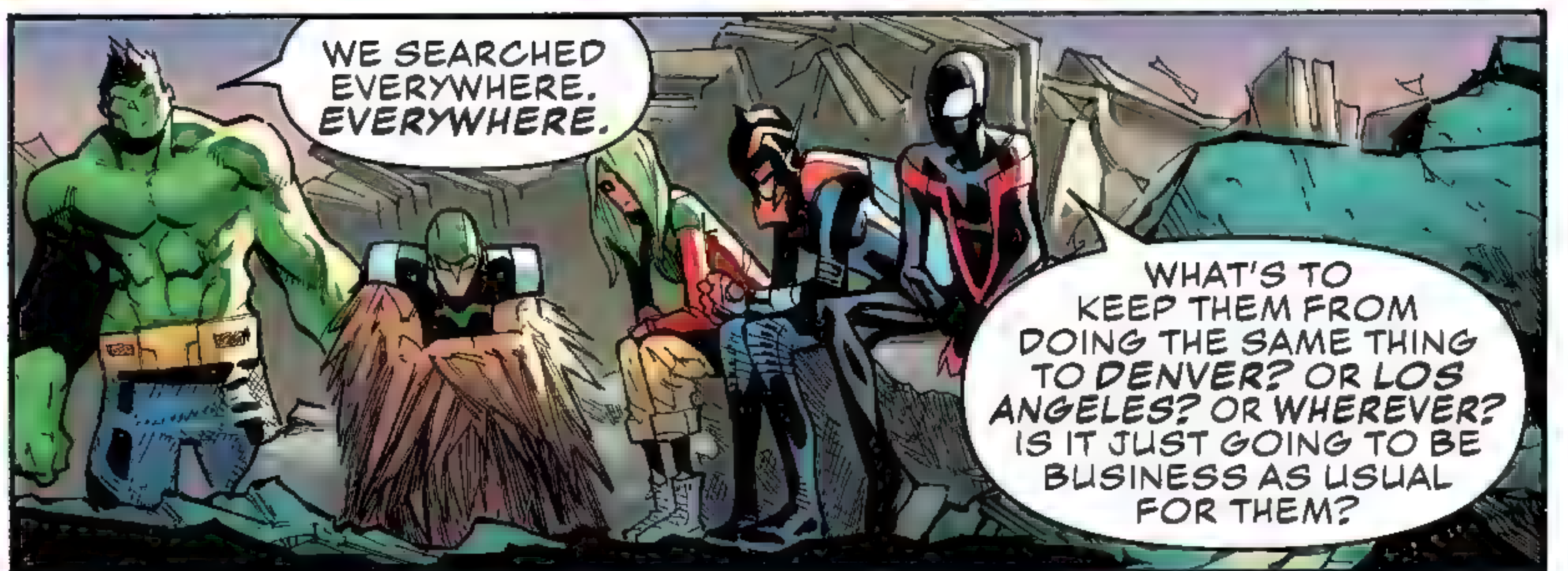
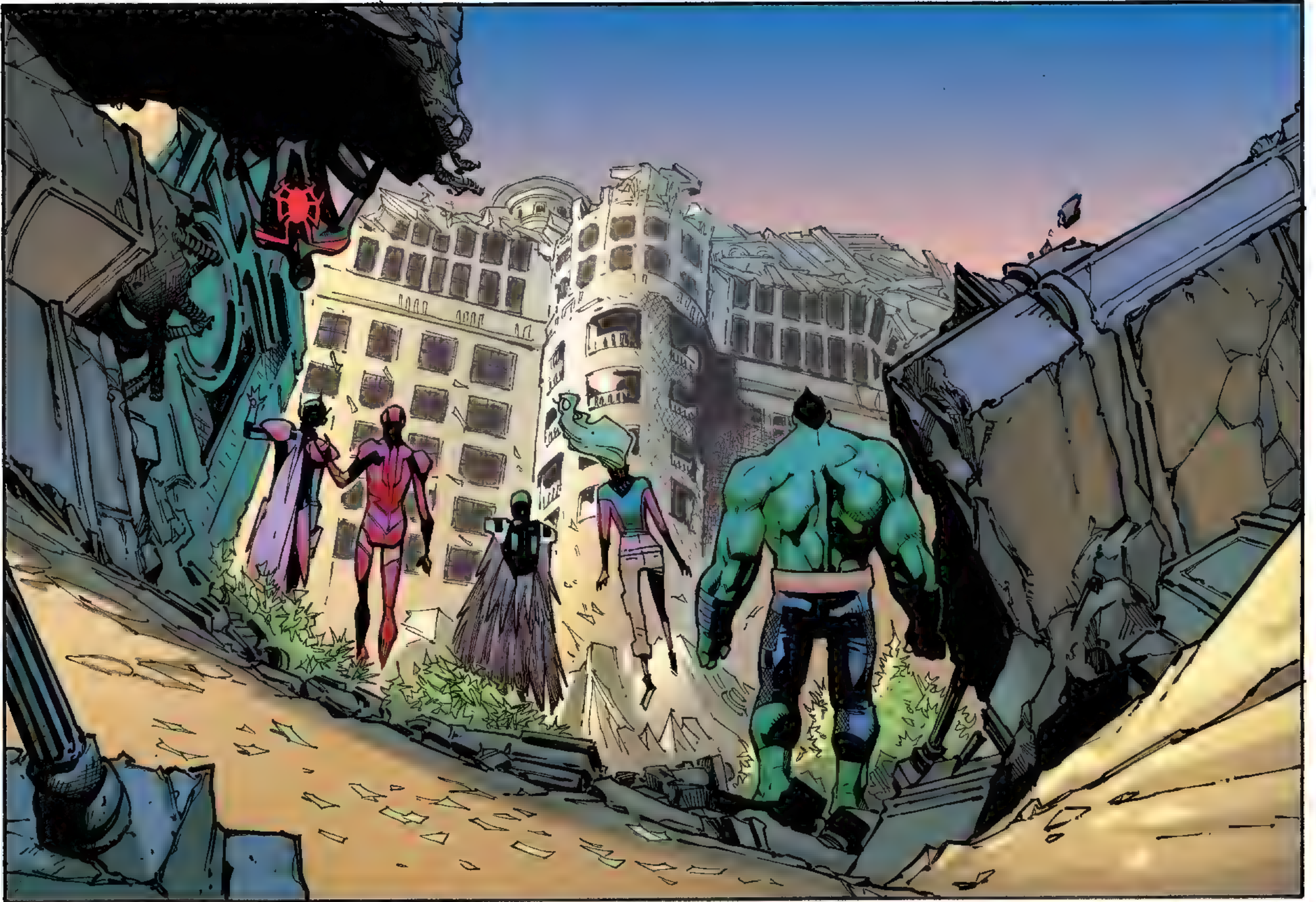
IT'S NOT WORKING! WHY ISN'T IT WORKING?

WASP...



...IT IS WORKING.

RESCUE EFFORT CONCLUSION: CHAMPIONS.





THE
SICKEST PART IS
THAT NOT EVERYONE
AGREES WITH YOU,
IRONHEART.

IT'S BECAUSE
CAPTAIN AMERICA
IS AT THE HEAD OF THIS,
AND NO ONE WANTS
TO BELIEVE HE'D DO
SOMETHING LIKE
THIS.

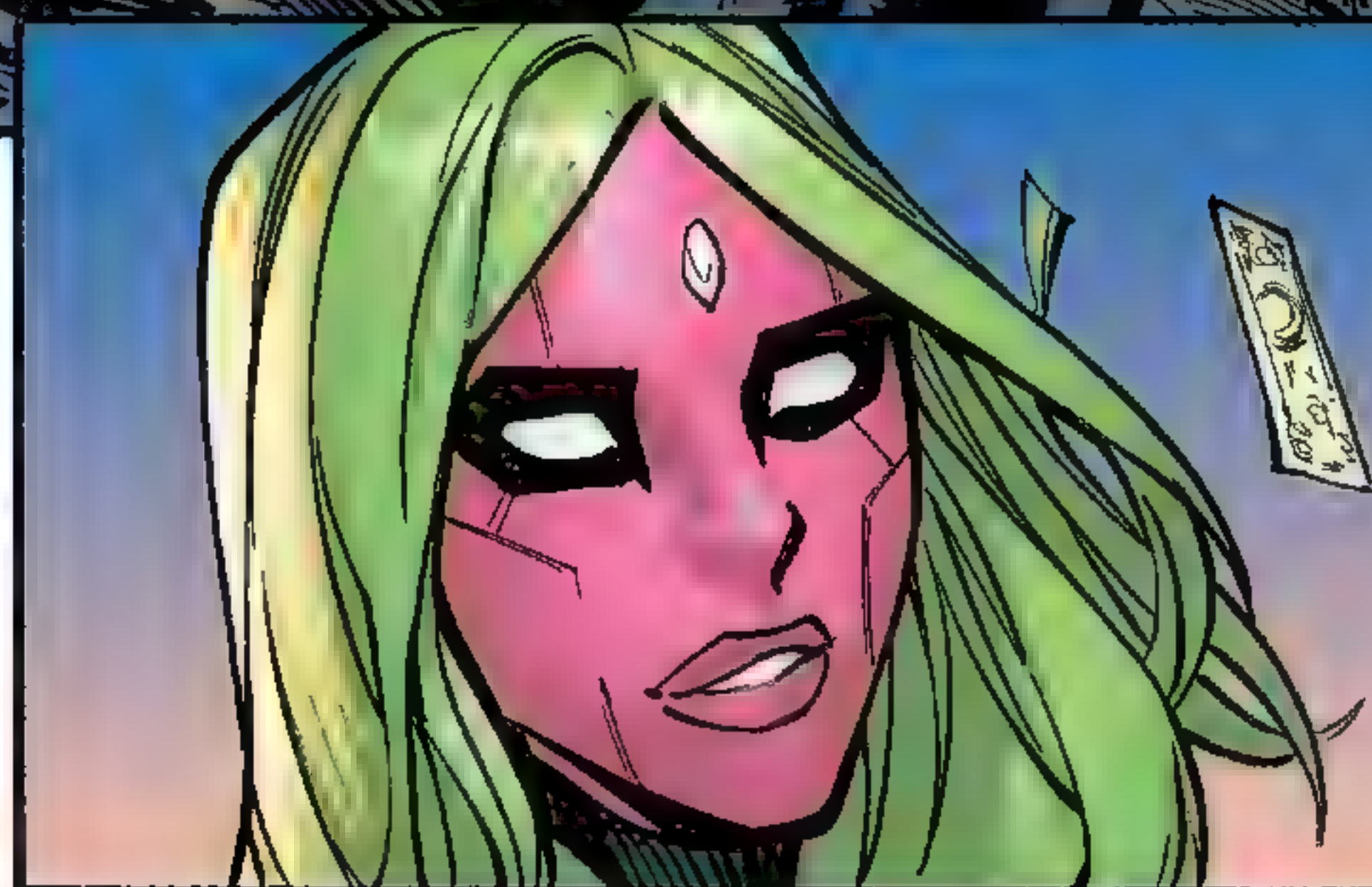
HE'S
PROMISING
PEOPLE
LAW AND
ORDER.

SECURITY.
JOBS.



AND
ALL THEY HAVE TO
DO IS LIE DOWN AND
WATCH THE TRAINS
RUN ON TIME.

IS
IT REALLY
THAT HOPELESS?
I WANT TO SAY
NO, BUT...



I REALIZED
WE FORMED THIS TEAM
BECAUSE WE CONCLUDED
THAT THE OLDER HEROES WERE
IGNORING THE NEEDS OF EVERY-
DAY PEOPLE WHILE THEY WERE
DEFENDING THEM FROM
CATASTROPHE.

BUT HOW CAN THEY
LISTEN TO EVERYDAY PEOPLE
WHEN THOSE SAME PEOPLE ARE
WILLING TO OVERLOOK
MASS MURDER?

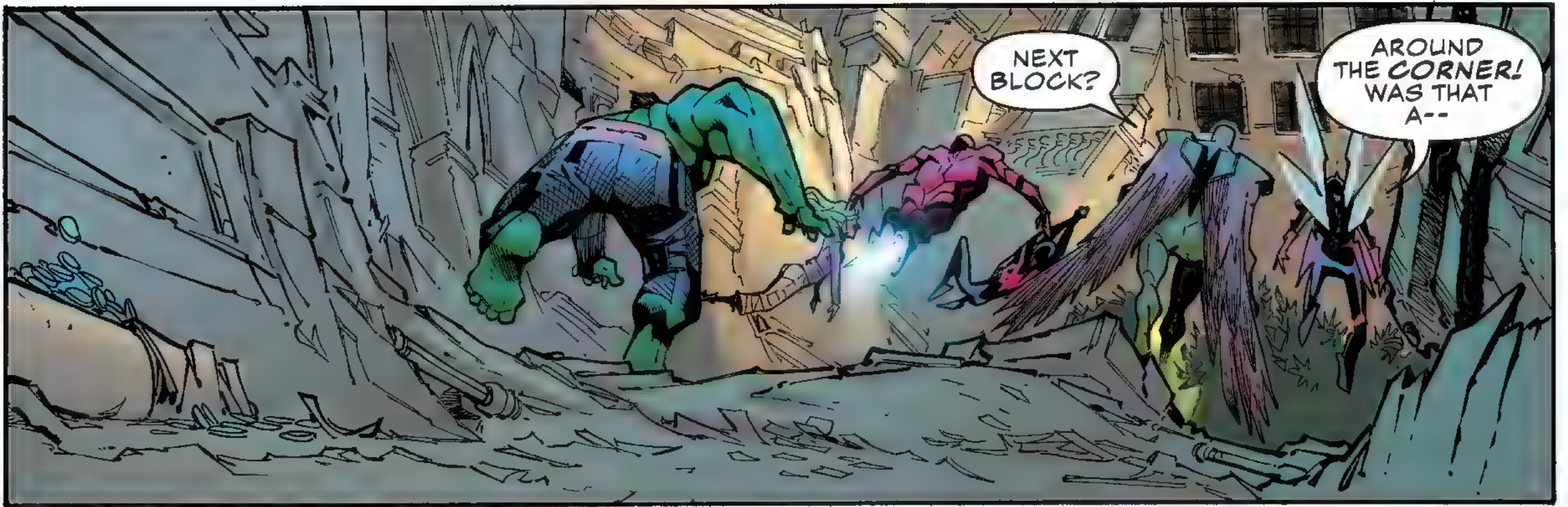


I SEE WHERE
VIV IS GOING. WE HAVE
TO THROW IN WITH THE OLD
GUARD, FOR NOW. WE HAVE NO
CHOICE. THE THREAT'S
TOO BIG.

IF HYDRA
ISN'T TOPPLED, I CAN'T
SEE ANY WAY TO HELP
ANYONE.



WAAAAAAAAAH!



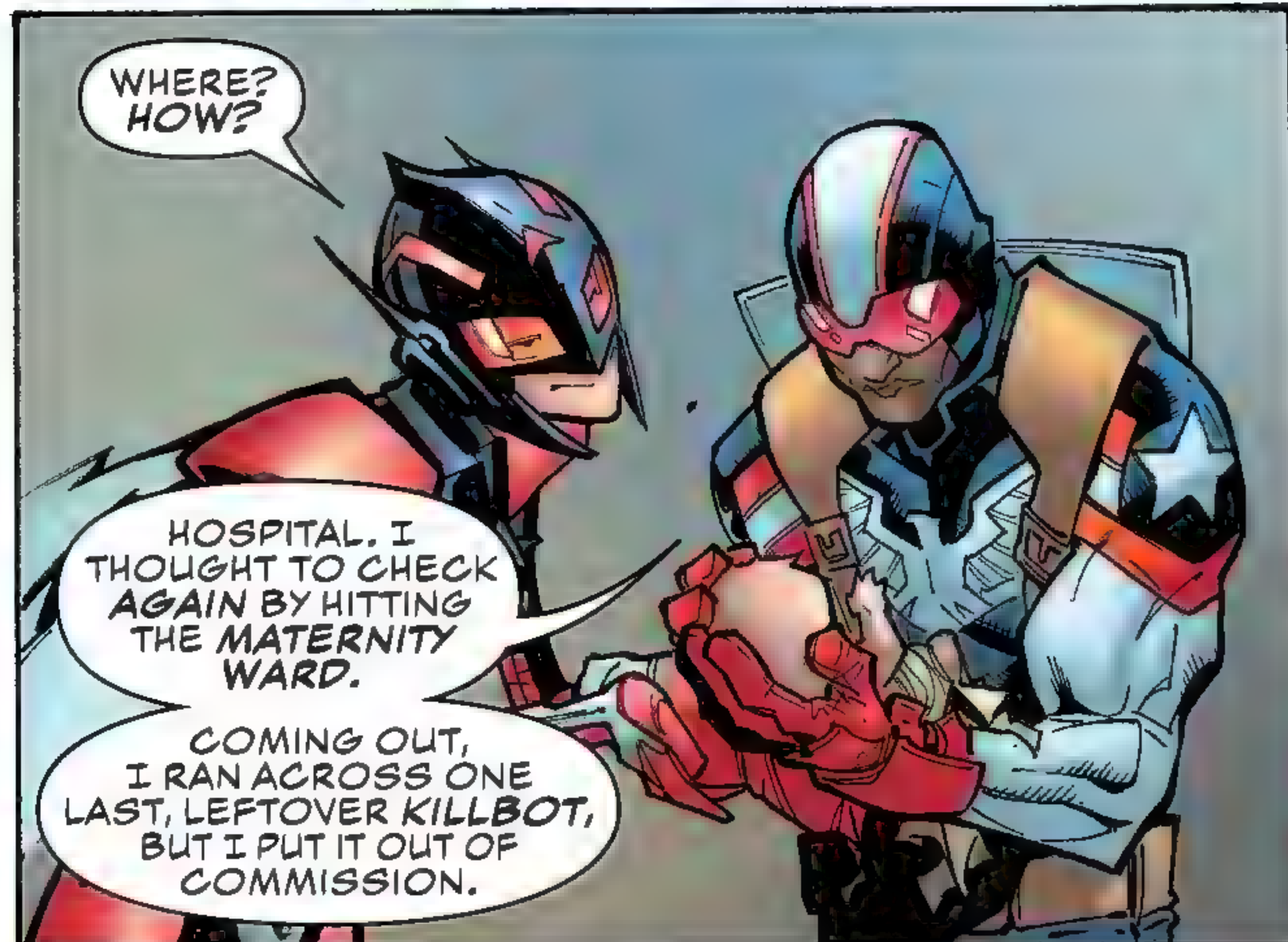
NEXT
BLOCK?

AROUND
THE CORNER!
WAS THAT
A--



HI.

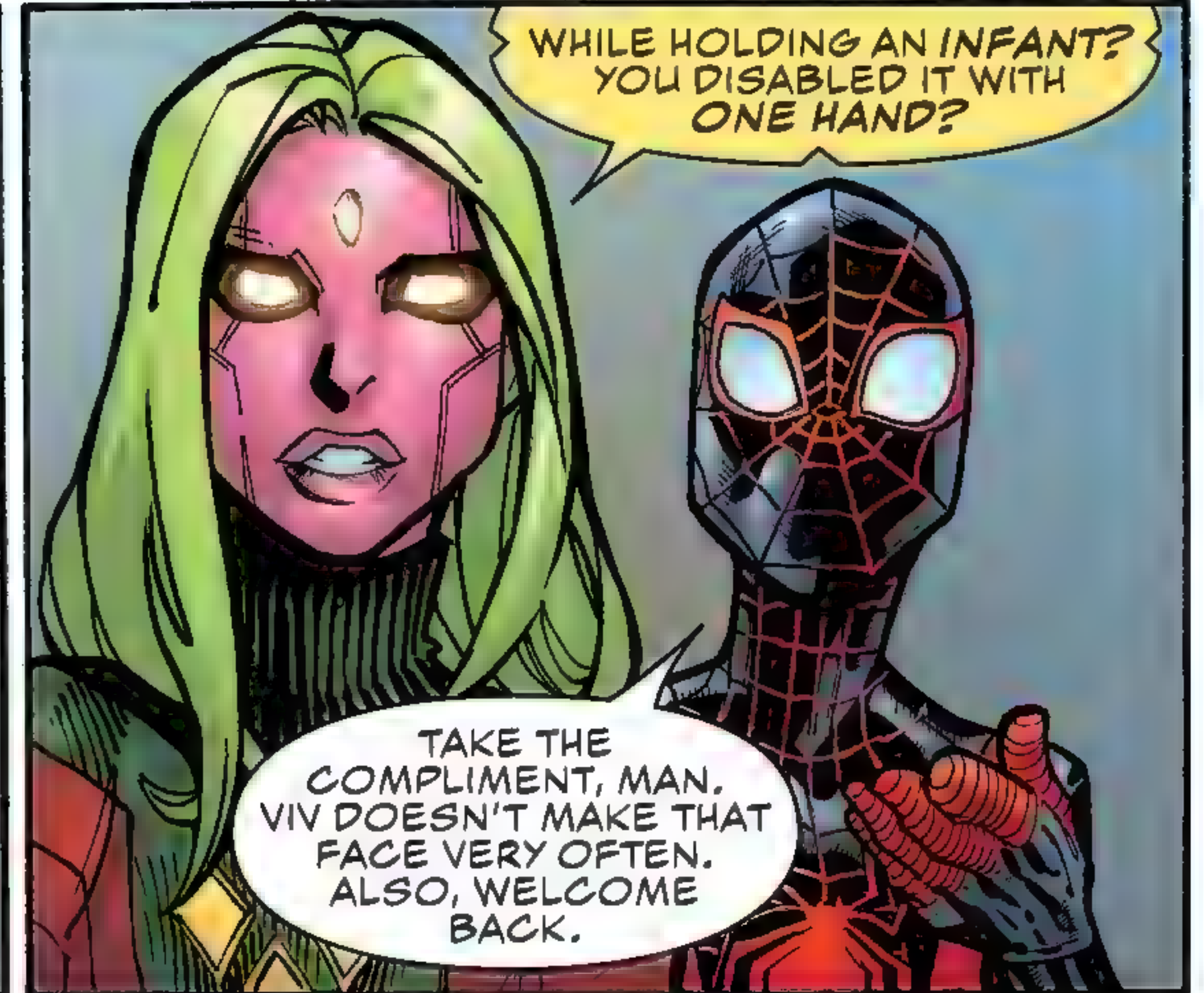
WAAAAAAAH!



WHERE?
HOW?

HOSPITAL. I
THOUGHT TO CHECK
AGAIN BY HITTING
THE MATERNITY
WARD.

COMING OUT,
I RAN ACROSS ONE
LAST, LEFTOVER KILLBOT,
BUT I PUT IT OUT OF
COMMISSION.



WHILE HOLDING AN INFANT?
YOU DISABLED IT WITH
ONE HAND?

TAKE THE
COMPLIMENT, MAN.
VIV DOESN'T MAKE THAT
FACE VERY OFTEN.
ALSO, WELCOME
BACK.



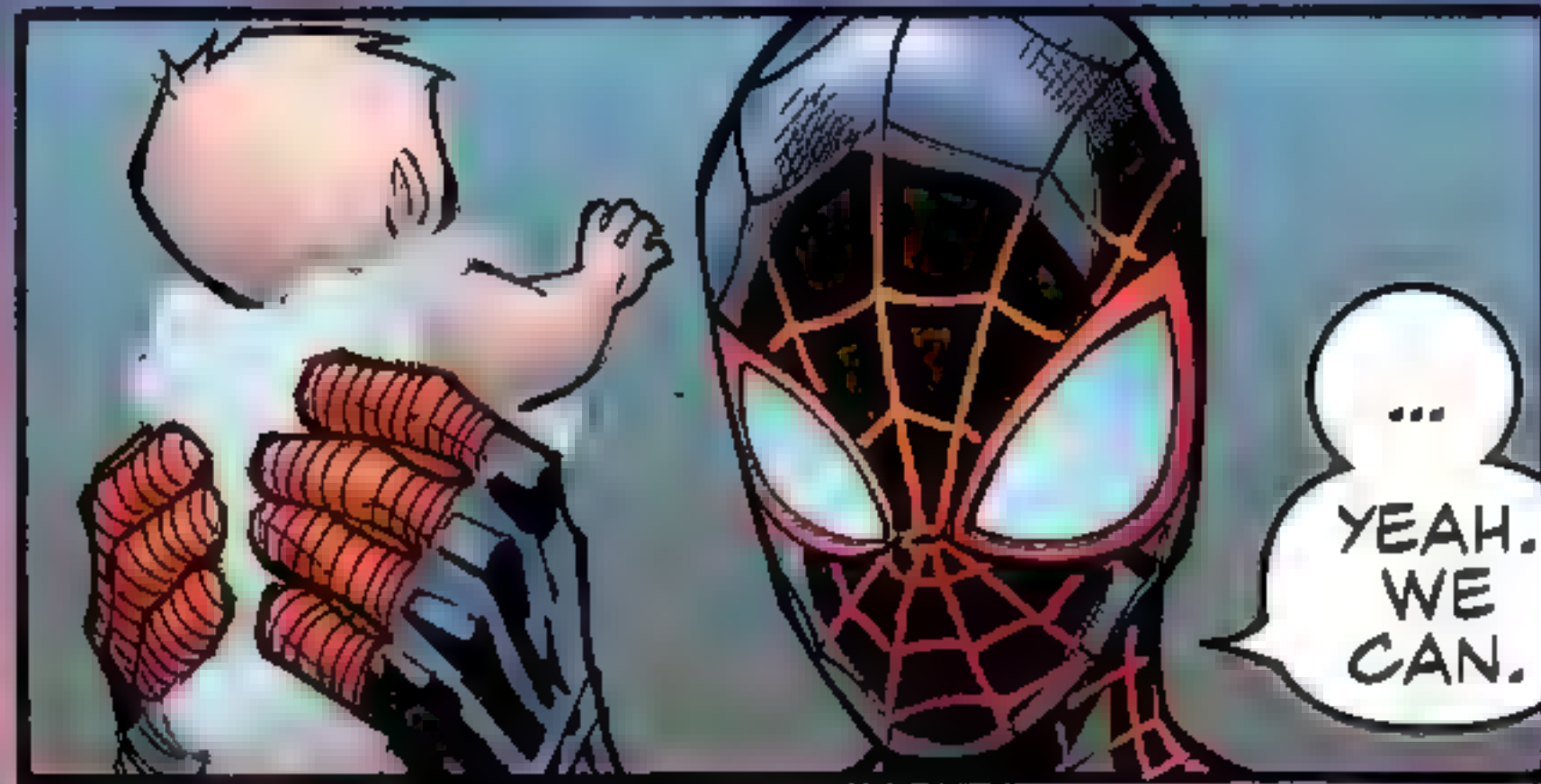
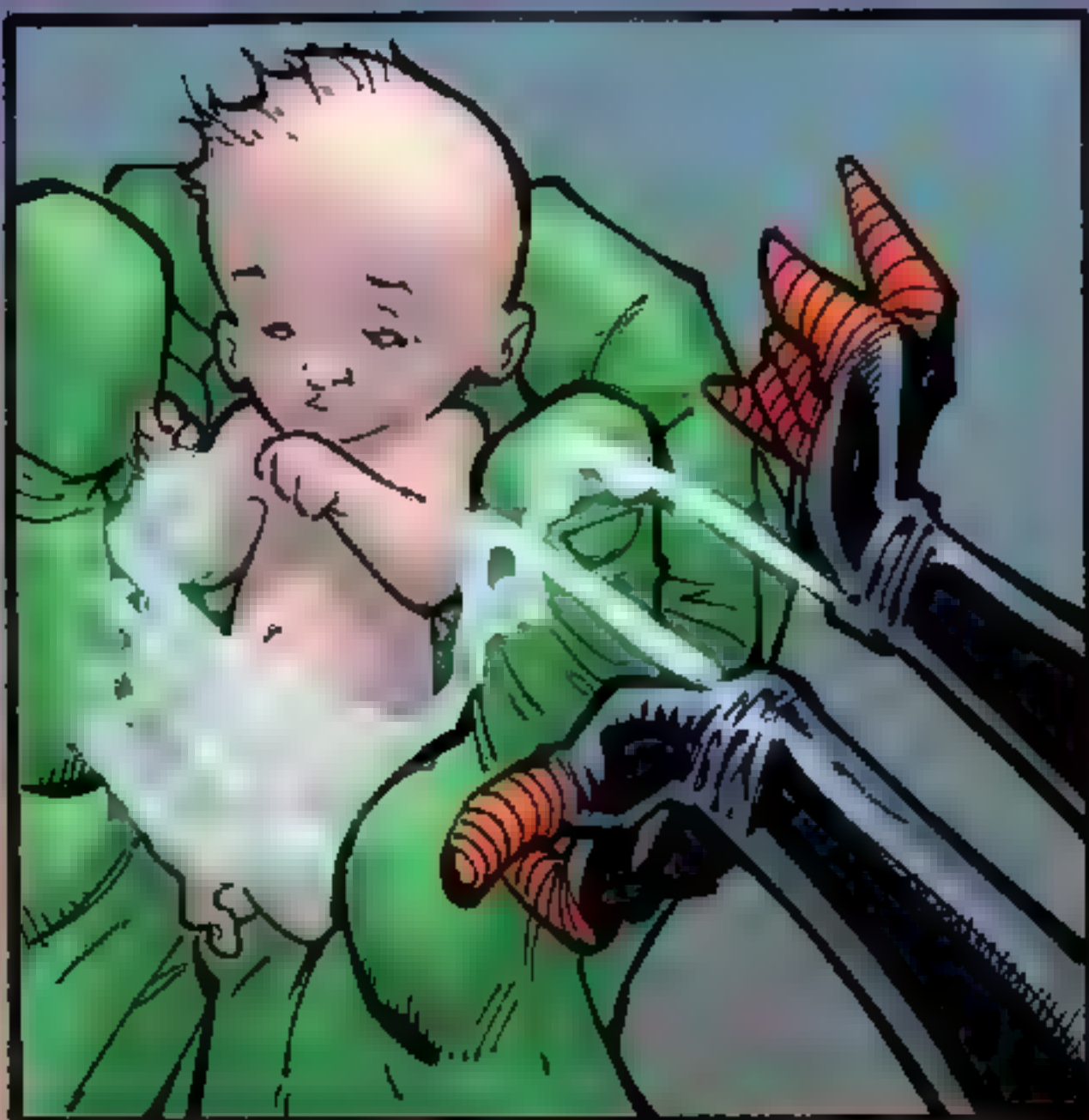
POOR LITTLE GUY. WHAT DO WE EVEN DO WITH HIM?



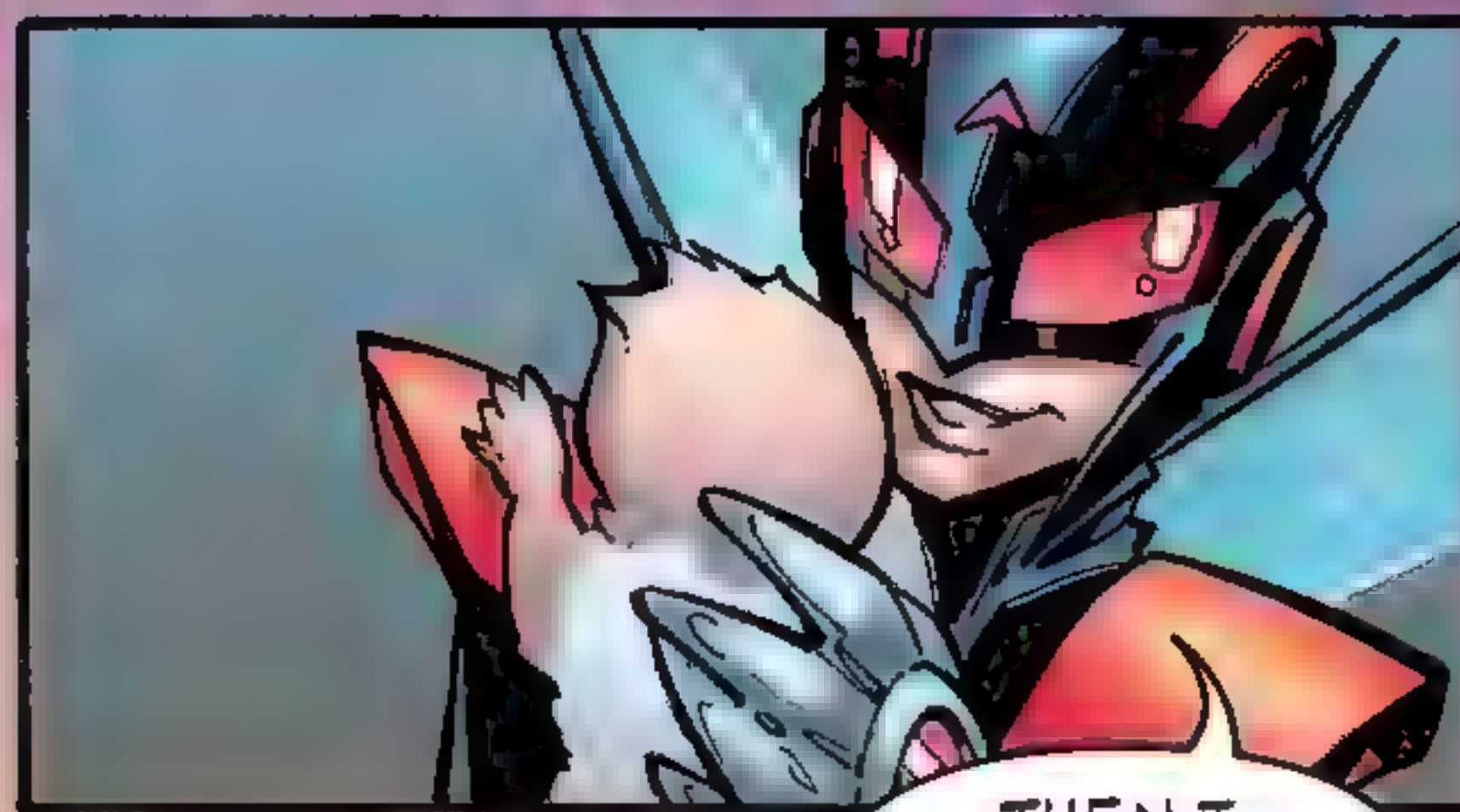
MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T GROW UP IN A COUNTRY RULED BY FASCISTS.

SHHH. SHHH.

WE CAN DO THIS, YEAH? WE CAN SWING AT CAPTAIN AMERICA AND TAKE HIM DOWN?



... YEAH. WE CAN.



THEN I VOTE WE FIND THIS LITTLE GUY A HOME FOR NOW...

...AND GET TO IT!



NEXT: NO EYE IN TEAM!

MARVEL

#12

**WAID
RAMOS
OLAZABA
DELGADO**

BECAUSE THE WORLD STILL NEEDS HEROES!

CHAMPIONS™



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INHUMANS
A MARVEL TELEVISION SERIES
IN IMAX THEATRES
NOW
abc SEPT 29



WE NEVER
SPEAK OF THIS DAY
AGAIN. EVER.

AGREED.





SIGH

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO WITH HIM?

I LOVE HIM TO DEATH, SO OF COURSE HE'S KILLING ME. REMEMBER HALLOWEEN?



SURE I AM. FAKE MUSTACHE. SEE?



GUY'S WOUND SO TIGHT, YOU COULDN'T POUND A NAIL INTO HIM WITH A SLEDGEHAMMER.

I LIKE HIM, TOO. LIKE AN UNCLE.

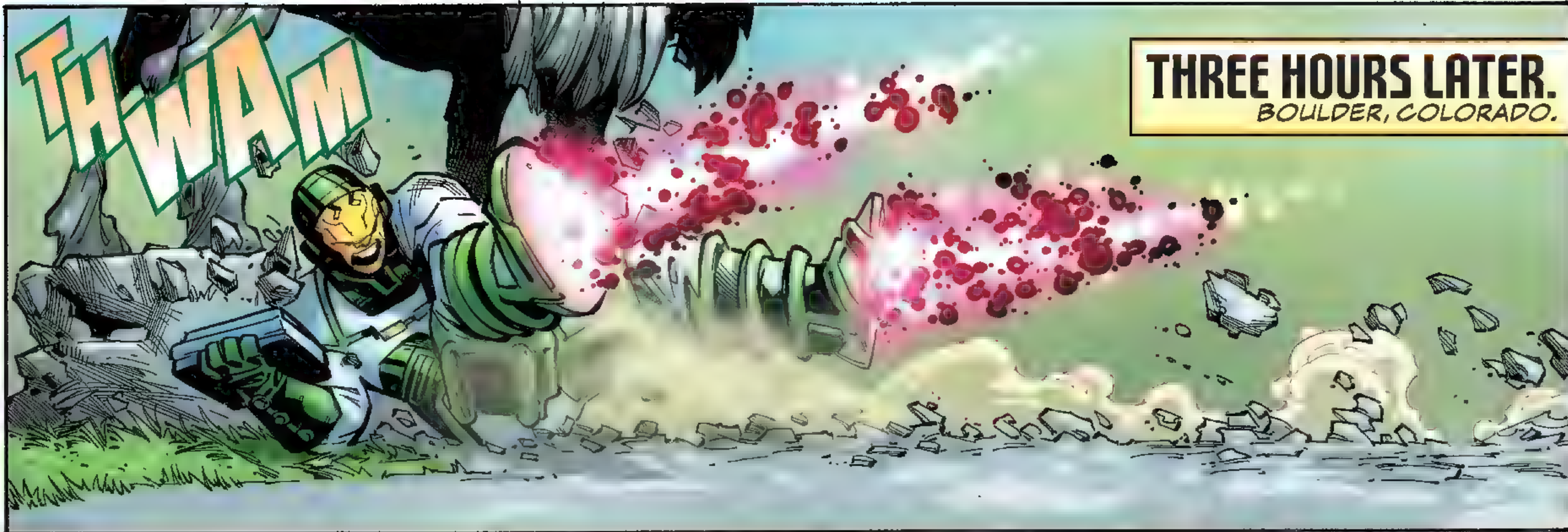
HE'S A JACK-IN-THE-BOX WITH NO CRANK. WHY IS--

EXCUSE ME.

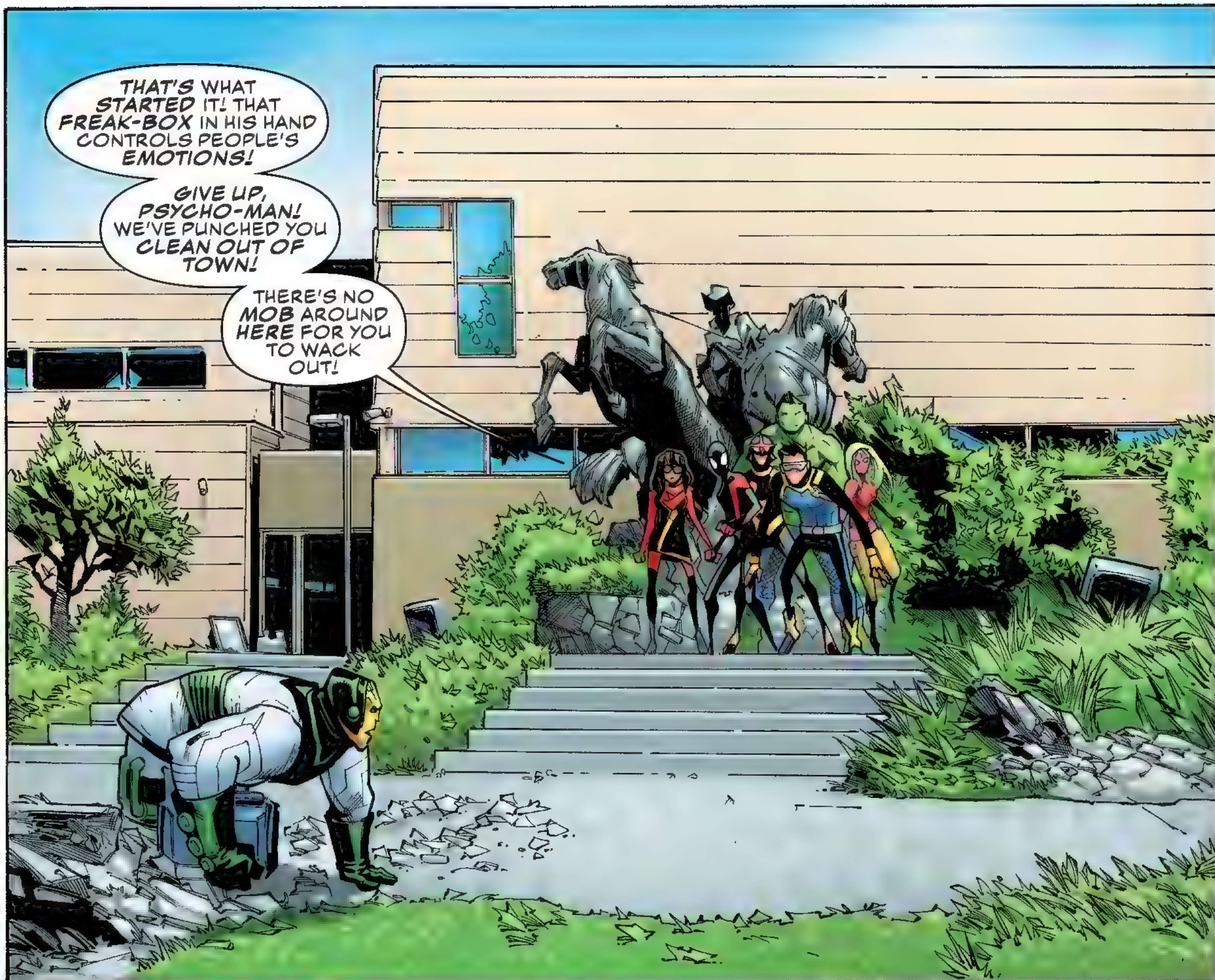
MY INTERNET MONITORING INFORMS ME OF A CITYWIDE RIOT IN BOULDER, COLORADO.

THEY COULD USE OUR ASSISTANCE.





THREE HOURS LATER.
BOULDER, COLORADO.



THAT'S WHAT
STARTED IT! THAT
FREAK-BOX IN HIS HAND
CONTROLS PEOPLE'S
EMOTIONS!

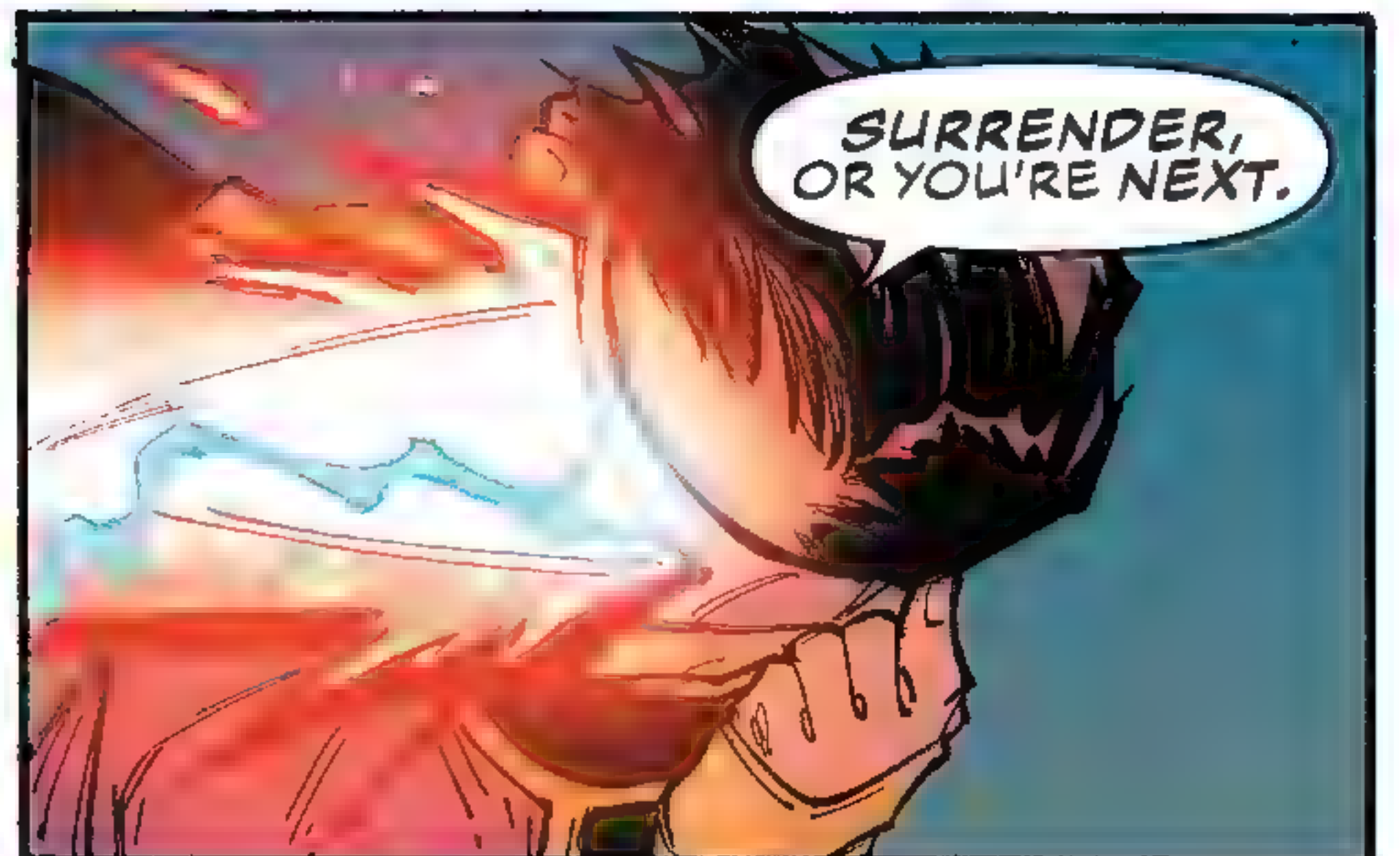
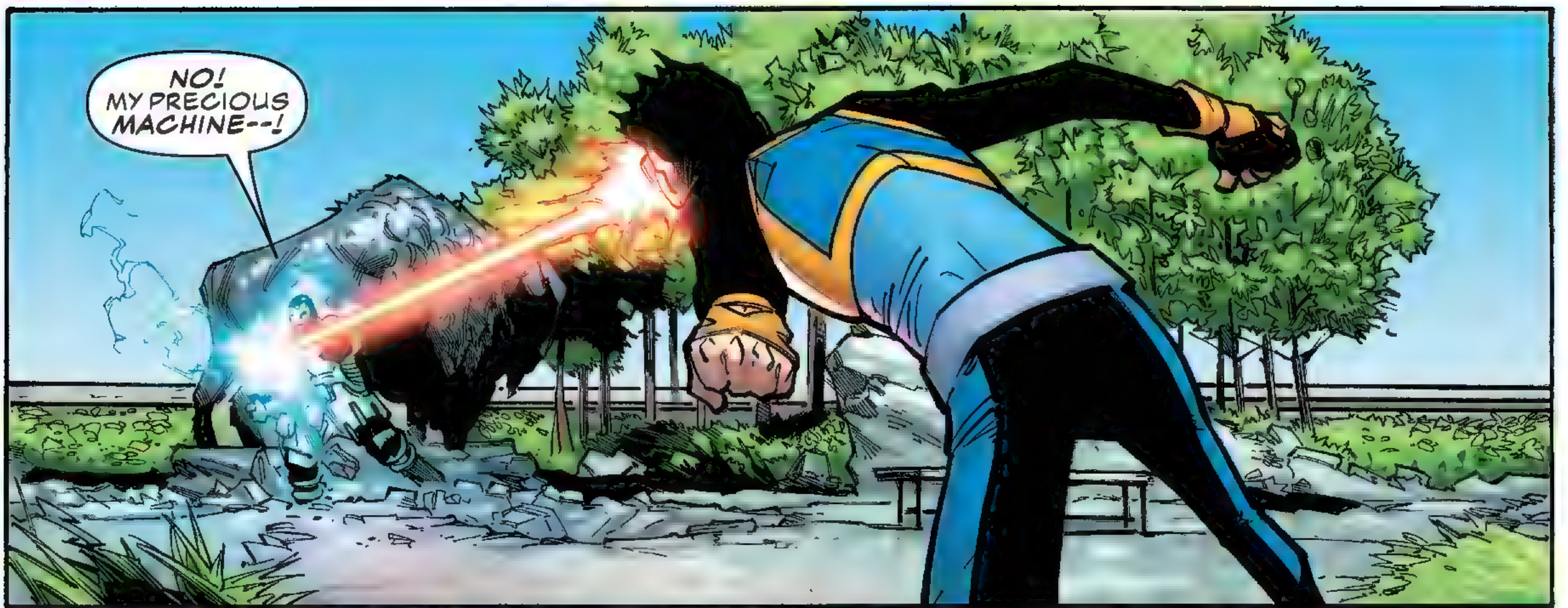
GIVE UP,
PSYCHO-MAN!
WE'VE PUNCHED YOU
CLEAN OUT OF
TOWN!

THERE'S NO
MOB AROUND
HERE FOR YOU
TO WACK
OUT!



UNTRUE.
YOU
ARE A
MOB.







WHAT?



SCOTT,
ARE YOU
OK--

ME? I'M
GREAT!

C'MON! GIMME
SOMETHING ELSE
TO PUNCH! LET'S
TEAR IT UP!
YEAH!



THIS WOULD
BE A GOOD TIME
FOR ME TO MENTION
THAT WHEN HE SHATTERED
PSYCHO-MAN'S DOOM
BOX, I SAW SOME SORT
OF ENERGY FEEDBACK
WRIGGLE OUT.

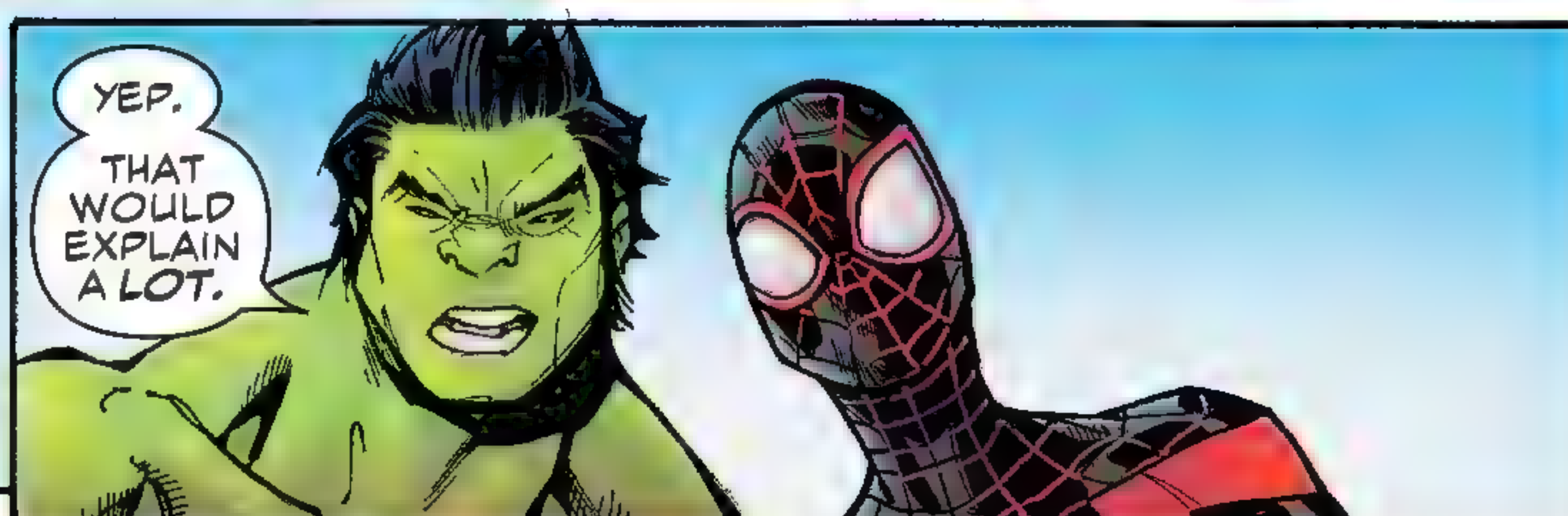
I THINK
IT HIT *CYCLOPS*
RIGHT BETWEEN
THE...EYE.

IF IT
UNLOCKS
PEOPLE'S
EMOTIONS ON
A PRIMAL
LEVEL...



HEY! LOOK AT
THIS! I CAN FLY!
LOOOOOK!

WHY'D
I NEVER TRY THIS
BEFORE? IT'S SO
AWESOME!



YEP.
THAT
WOULD
EXPLAIN
A LOT.



'KAY, CYKE--
SCOTT--BUDDY--YOU'RE
KIND OF BOUNCING AROUND.
I WANT TO GET YOU BACK
TO THE LAB, ALL RIGHT?
CHECK YOU OUT.

WHY? I
FEEL GREAT!

GOD, I
GET PUMPED PILOTING
OUR COMBO ATV-AIRSHIP.
IT IS BOSS! I LOVE
FLYING LIKE NOTHING
ELSE!



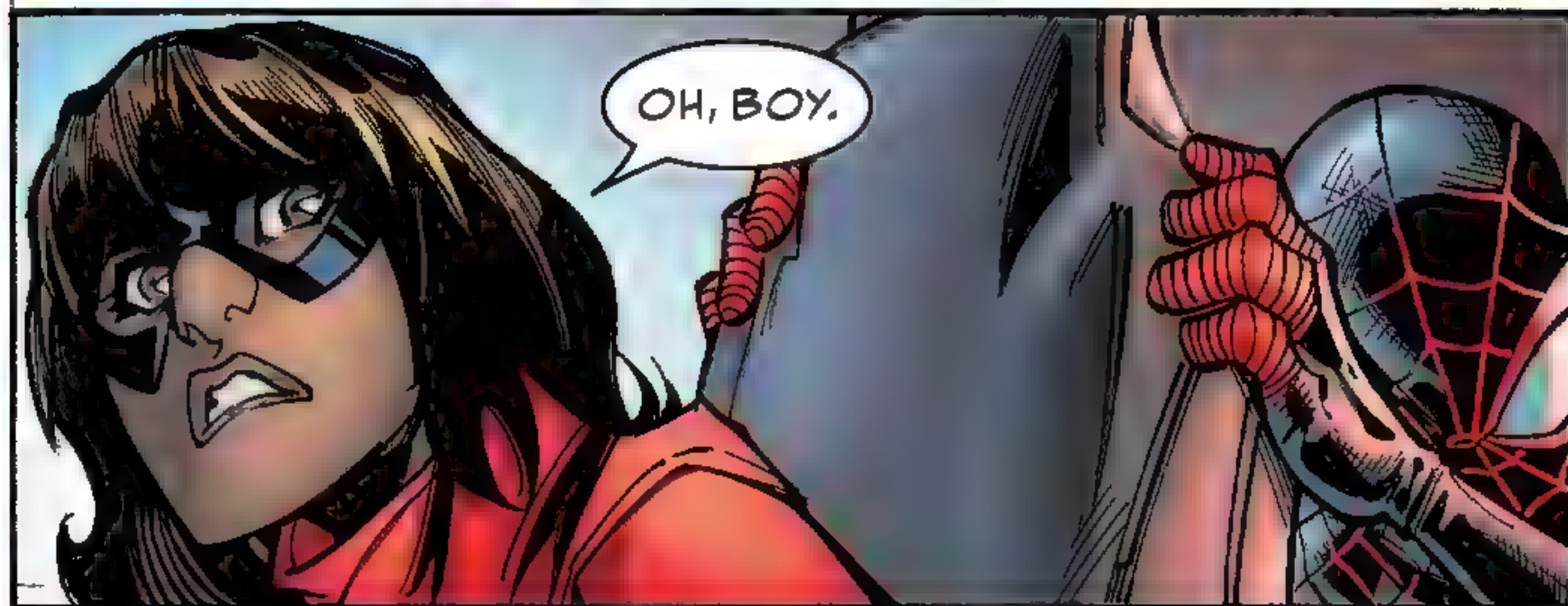
NOTHING!
UP IN THE AIR, FREE,
NO RESPONSIBILITY,
NO ONE COMPLAINING
TO YOU OR MAKING
YOU FEEL
BAD...

THIS IS
MY FAVORITE
THING!

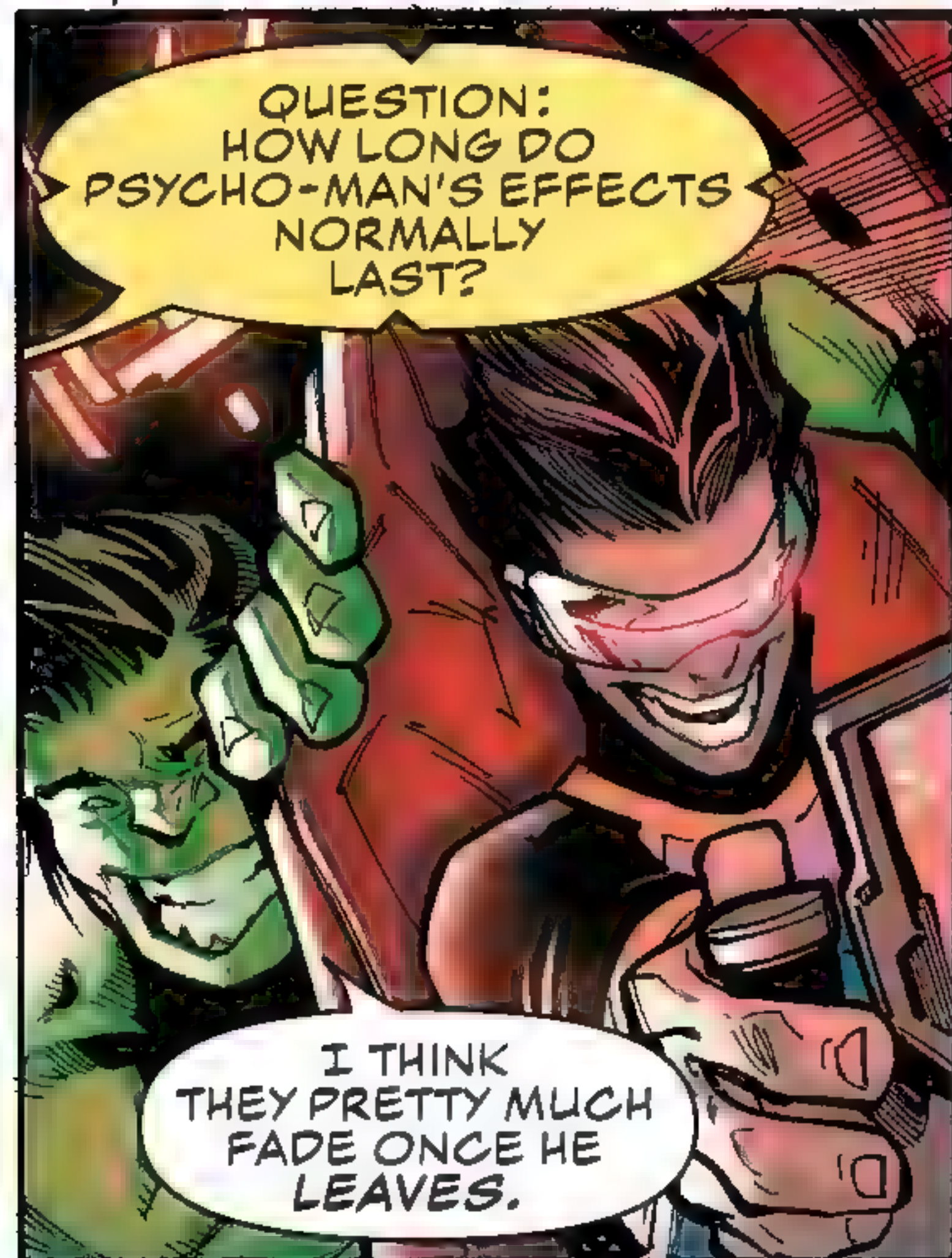


...
GOOD TO
KNOW.

**BLASTING
OFF!**



OH, BOY.

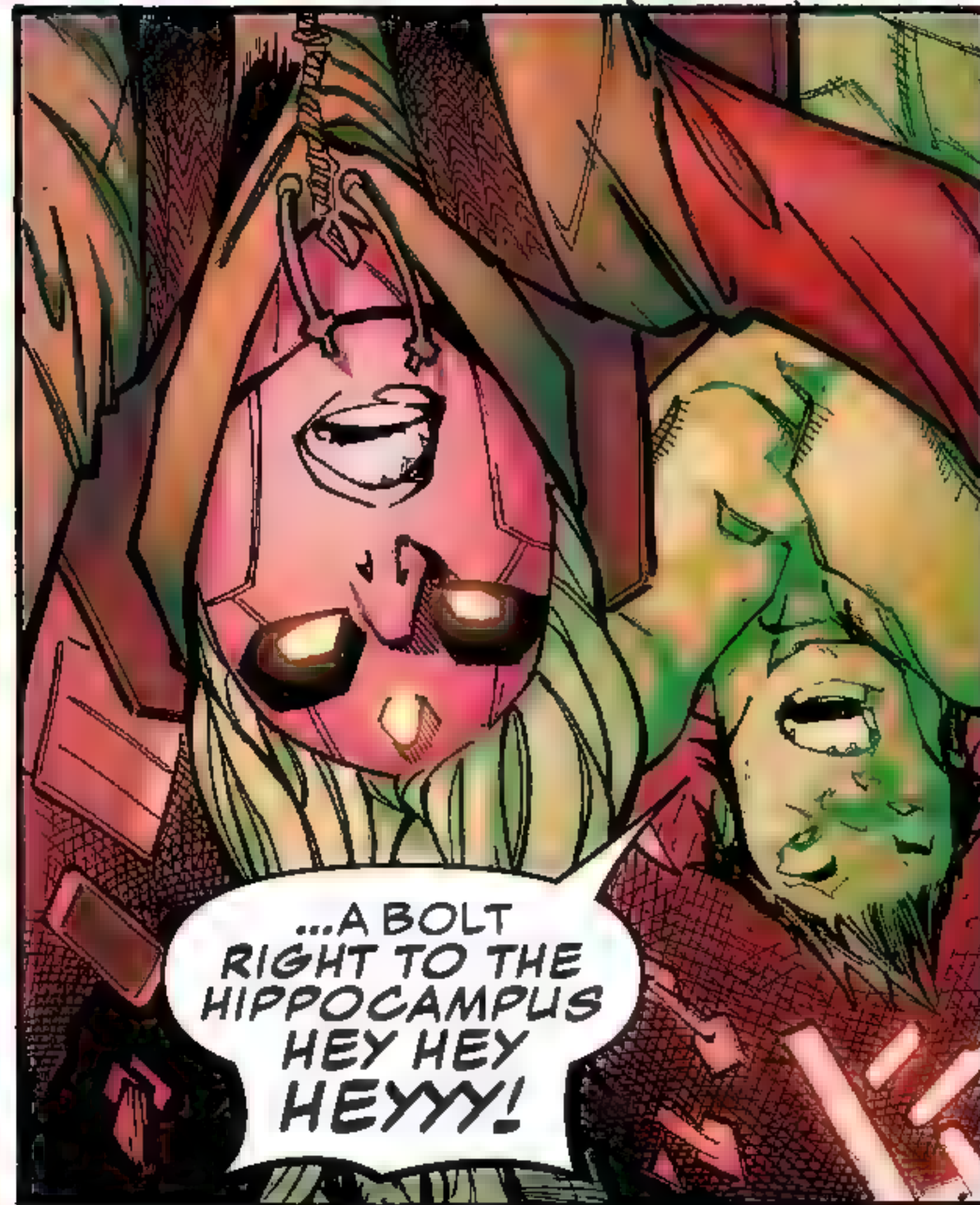


QUESTION:
HOW LONG DO
PSYCHO-MAN'S EFFECTS
NORMALLY
LAST?

I THINK
THEY PRETTY MUCH
FADE ONCE HE
LEAVES.



BUT CYKE
OBVIOUSLY
GOT SOME SORT
OF RAW DOSE
OF WHATEVER
POWERED
THAT BOX...



...A BOLT
RIGHT TO THE
HIPPOCAMPUS
HEY HEY
HEYYY!



BARREL
ROLL!

AH
HA HA HA
HA!

HEY, CAN
SOMEBODY HELP
ME GET MR. SUICIDE
AWAY FROM THE STICK
BEFORE WE
BOUNCE OFF A
MOUNTAIN?

YOU'RE ON
BREAK, SLIM!
MOVE!

I'M
SORRY.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT I WAS
THINKING. I COULD
HAVE REALLY HURT
SOMEBODY.

IT'S FINE.
YOU WERE JUST
GOOFING--

I CAN'T
"GOOF"! I'M NOT
ALLOWED TO SCREW
UP! I CAN'T MAKE A
SINGLE MISTAKE,
EVER!

I CAN'T
EVER LET
ANYBODY
DOWN.

IF I DO,
THEN WHAT
GOOD AM
I?

NOVA?
FLY
FASTER!



...DID YOU KNOW THAT ENERGY FROM SUBATOMICA HAS A SPECIFIC SET OF CHARACTERISTICS?

I DID NOT.

SO THAT IS, INDEED, WHAT IS CRAWLING AROUND IN SLIM'S NOGGIN. I COULD COUNTER THAT ENERGY IF IT WEREN'T ALREADY IN HIM.

CHAMPIONS HQ.
OLYMPUS BASE.



I REALLY LOVE IT WHEN YOU GUYS CALL ME "SLIM." IT'S COOL. NICKNAMES MAKE ME FEEL LIKE I'M BEING PAID ATTENTION TO.

ROGER THAT. 'KAY, PROFESSOR HULK, HOW DO WE FIX THIS?

IT'S WEARING OFF ON ITS OWN. GIVE IT A WHILE, MAYBE, BUT UNTIL THEN...



THE DOG IS ON A SEGWAY! COME SEE THIS!

AH HA HA HA HA!

...WE SHOULD KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.



SO, SLIGHT DISTRACTION.

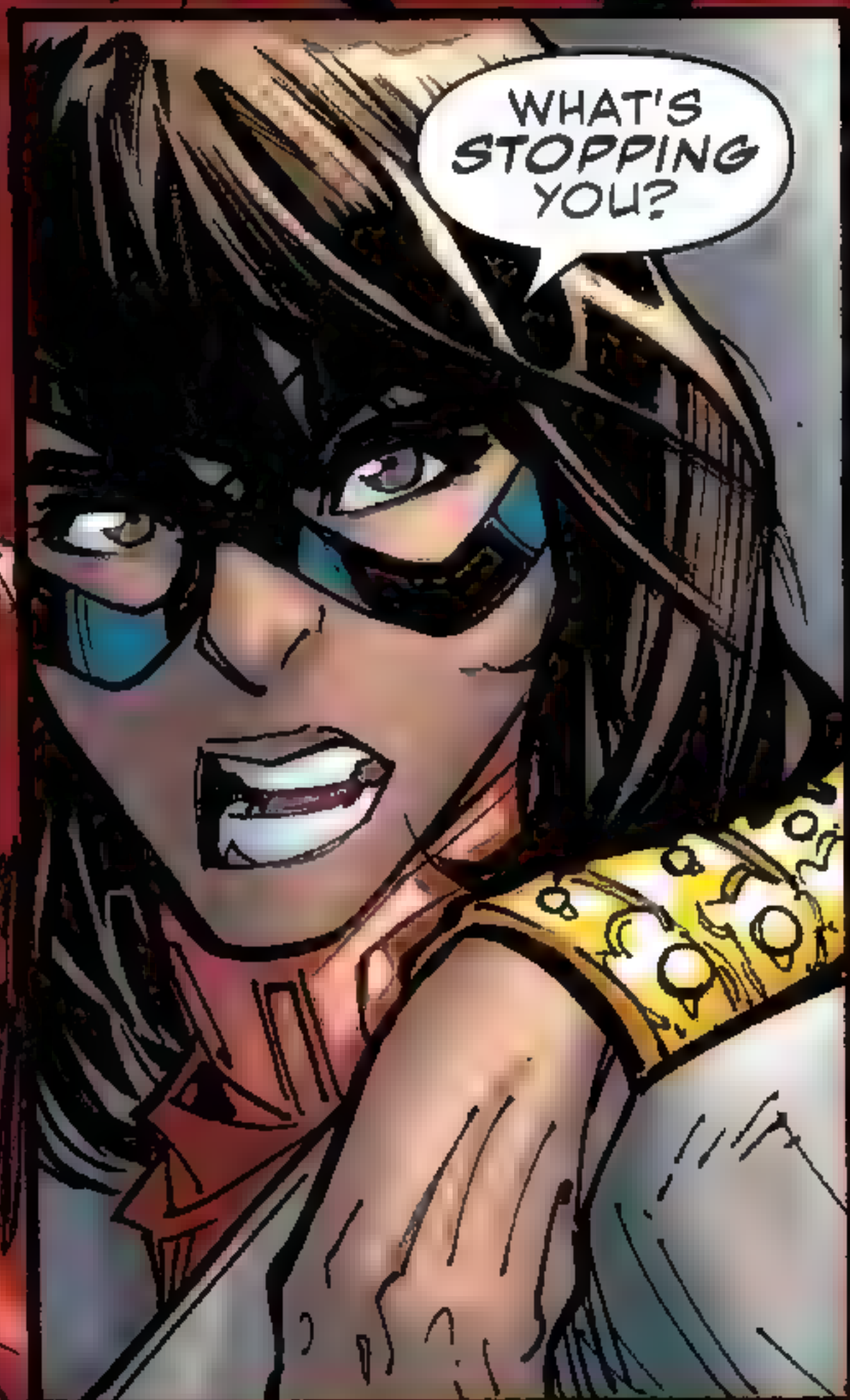
REMEMBER HOW PSYCHO-MAN THREATENED TO RETURN SOME DAY? VIV HAS NEWS.



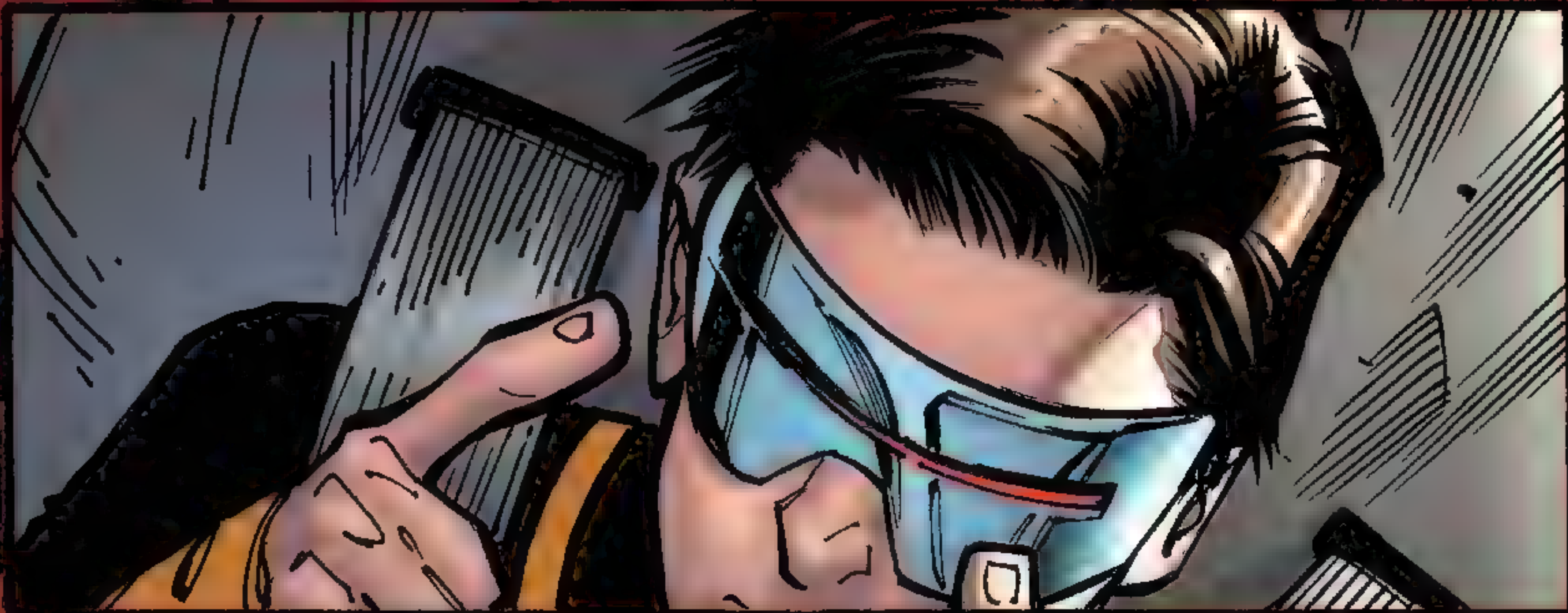
HE DID NOT EXACTLY TAKE HIS TIME.

WE NEED TO GET TO ATLANTA.





WHAT'S STOPPING YOU?



"THE POWER WON'T GO AWAY. WHENEVER MY EYES ARE OPEN, I CAN'T TURN MY EYEBEAMS OFF."

"HOW RELAXED WOULD YOU BE AROUND PEOPLE IF YOU KNEW YOU COULD KILL THEM ALL JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM WRONG?"



YOU'RE SO HARD ON YOURSELF. YOU'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL, BUDDY.

NO. THE SPECIAL GLASSES HAVE IT UNDER CONTROL. THE COMBAT VISOR HAS IT UNDER CONTROL.

THEY'RE THE ONLY THINGS THAT CAN HOLD MY POWER BACK. RUBY-QUARTZ LENSES.

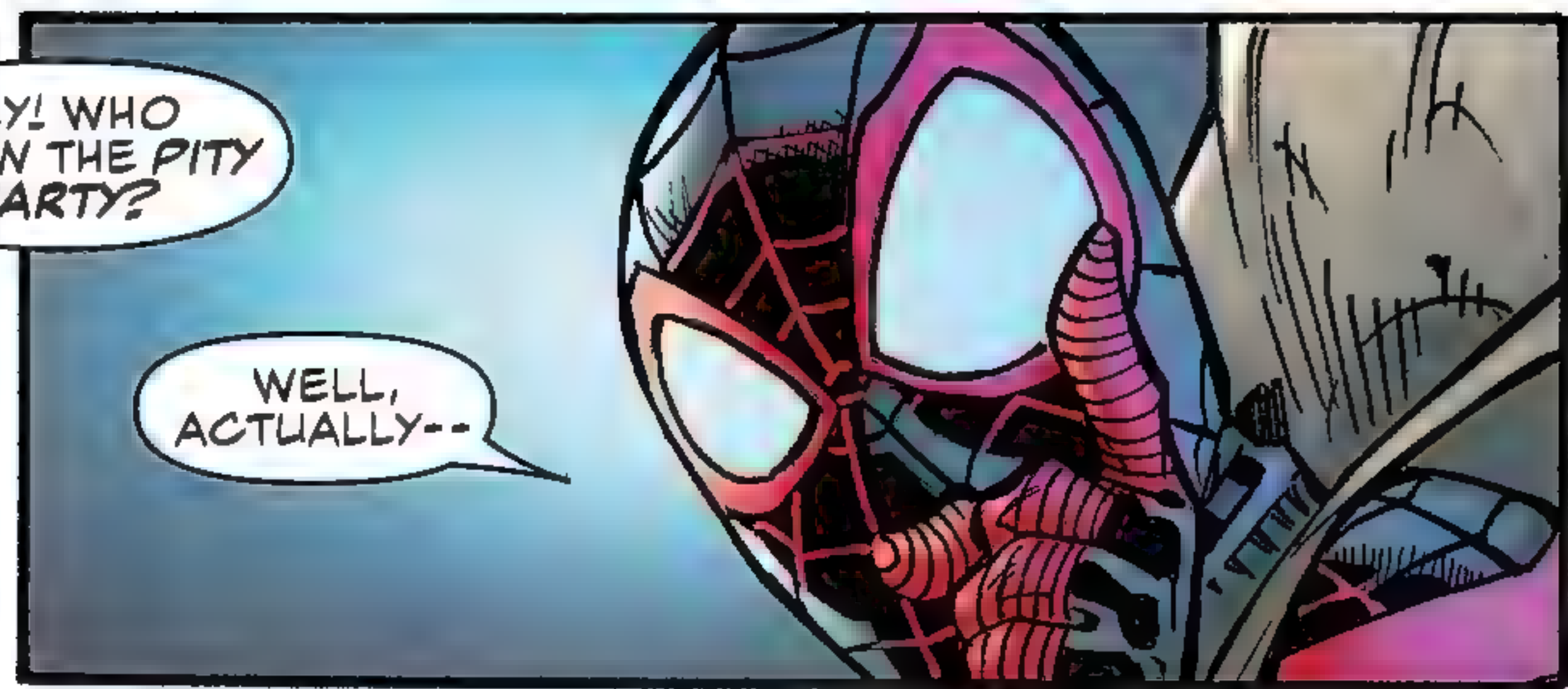


I CAN'T JUST TAKE THEM OFF AND BE NORMAL.





HEY! WHO
THREW THE PITY
PARTY?



WELL,
ACTUALLY--



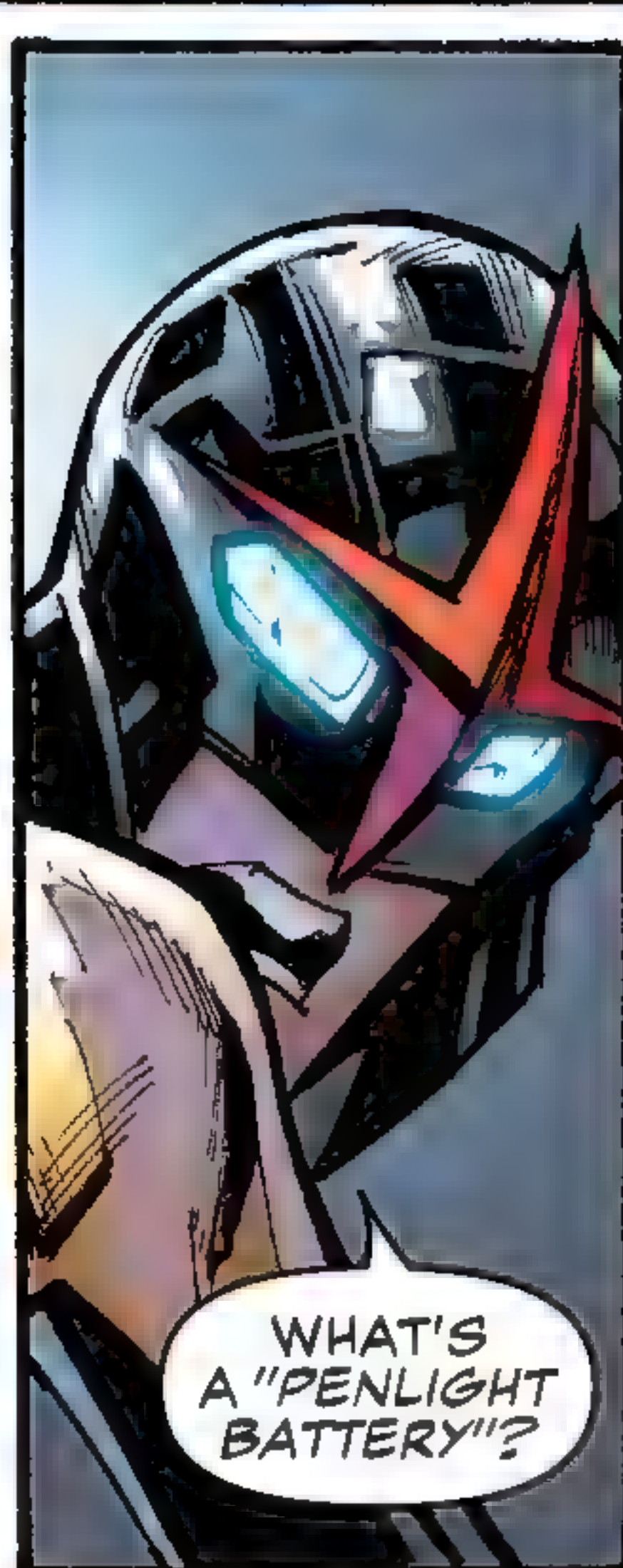
GEEZ,
SHAKE IT OFF!
NO MORE MOPING! WE
HAVE AN ALIEN MASTER-
MIND TO PUMMEL! IN
ATLANTA. FOR SOME
REASON.



I KNOW
WHY. HERE'S
WHAT BOULDER AND
ATLANTA HAVE IN
COMMON--

--THEY BOTH
HAVE LABS THAT
ARE DEVELOPING
BATTERIES.

LIKE, YOU
MEAN, PENLIGHT
BATTERIES?

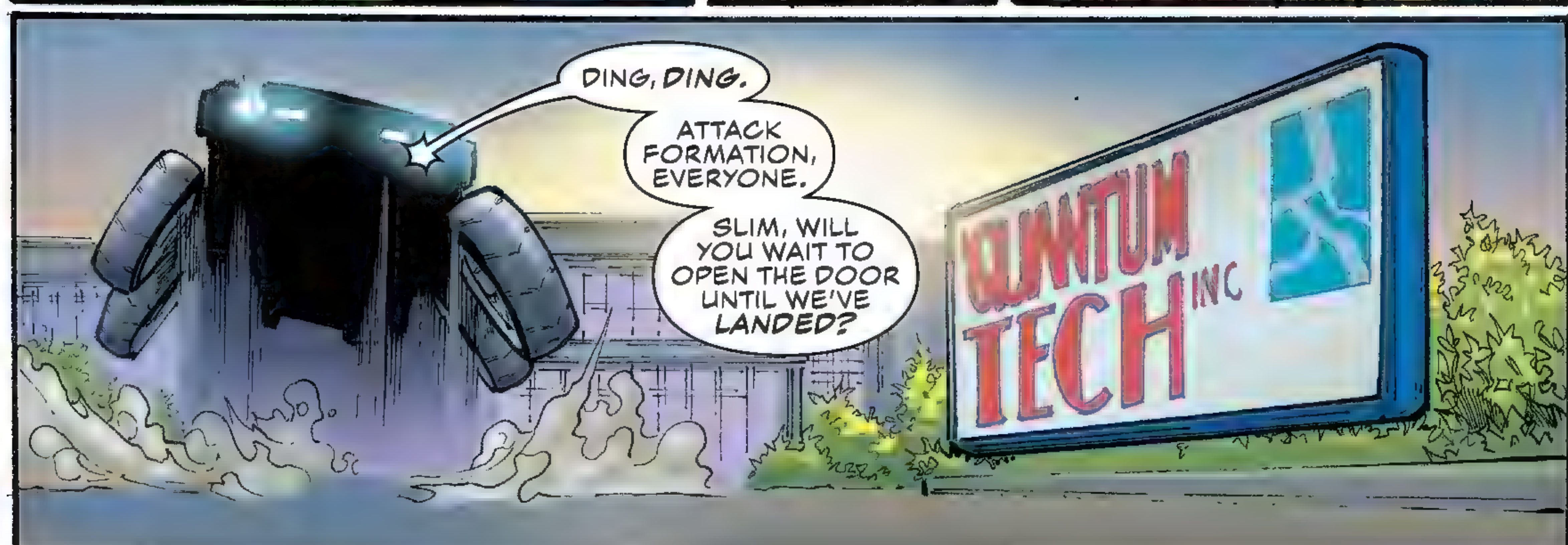


WHAT'S
A "PENLIGHT
BATTERY"?



NO. LIKE,
"CHARGEABLE TO
NEAR INFINITE LEVELS
ON A QUANTUM SCALE,
THEN UNLEASHING
ENOUGH ELECTRICITY
TO POWER A CITY"
BATTERIES.

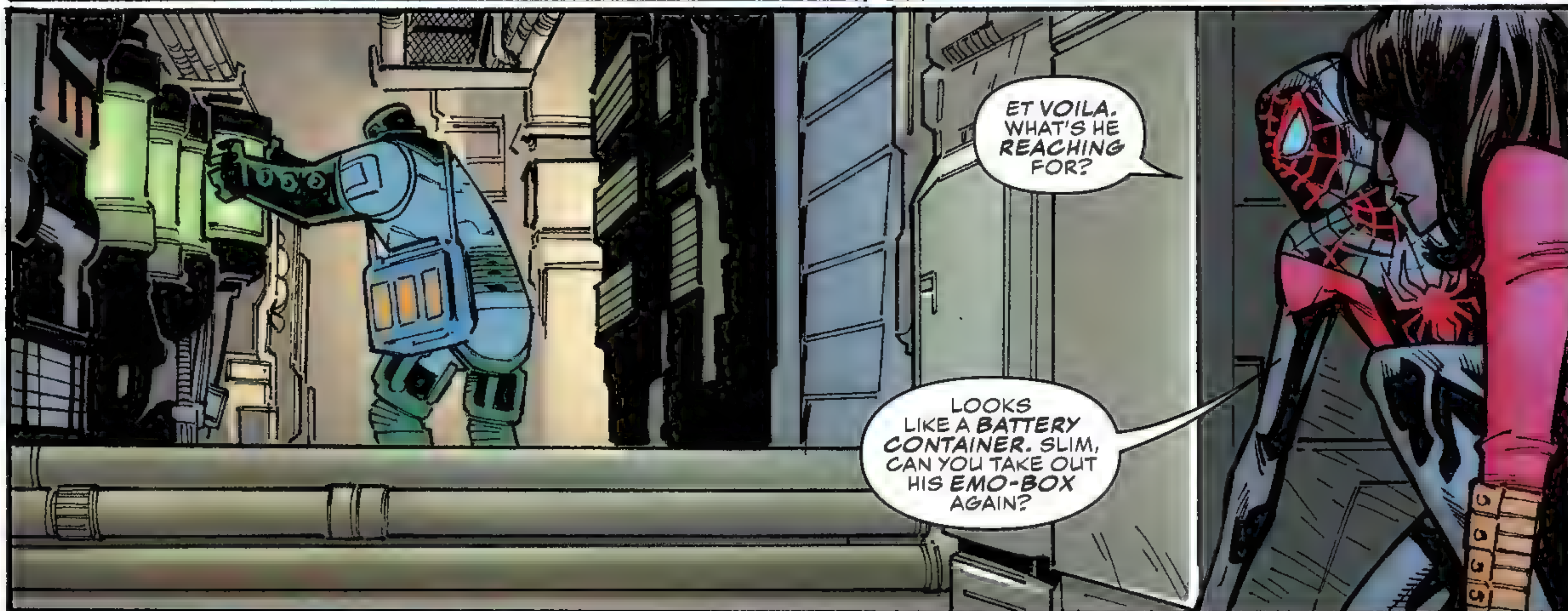
PSYCHO-MAN
IS A MASTER OF THE
QUANTUM LEVEL OF
EXISTENCE.

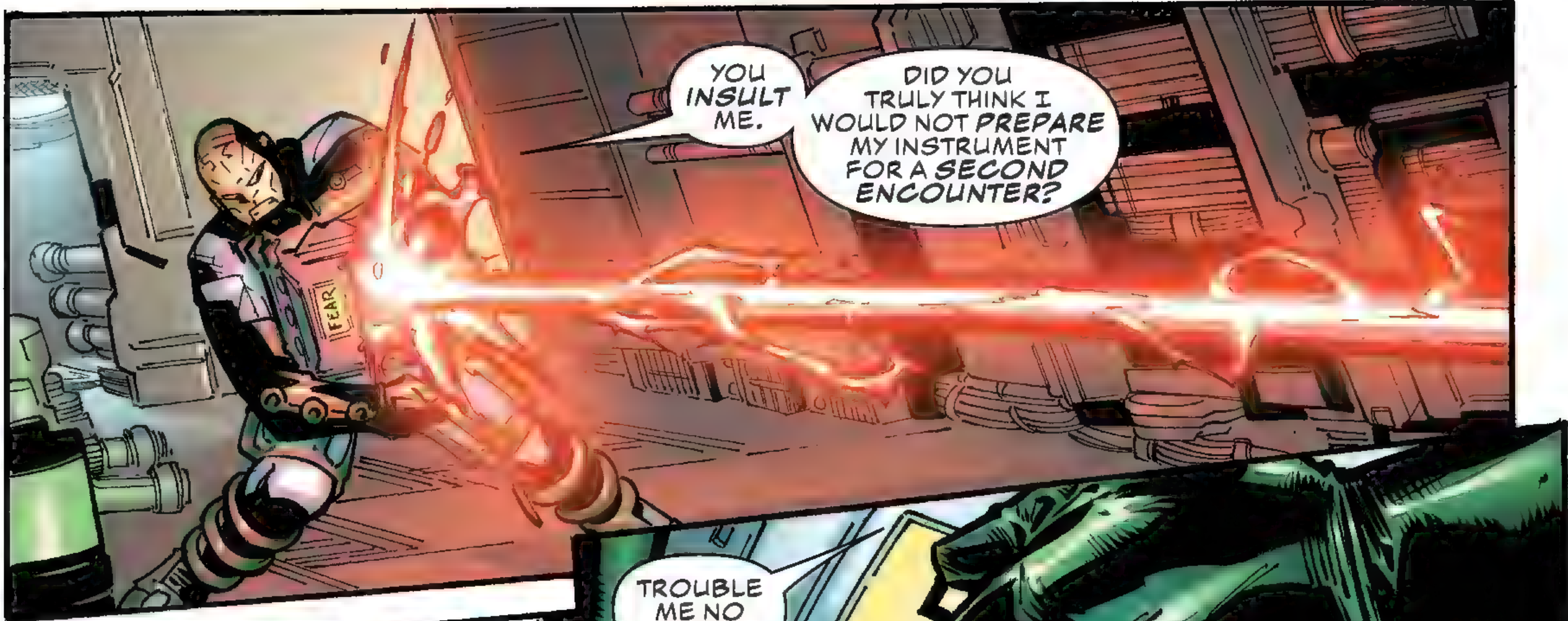


DING, DING.

ATTACK
FORMATION,
EVERYONE.

SLIM, WILL
YOU WAIT TO
OPEN THE DOOR
UNTIL WE'VE
LANDED?





YOU
INSULT
ME.

DID YOU
TRULY THINK I
WOULD NOT PREPARE
MY INSTRUMENT
FOR A SECOND
ENCOUNTER?



TROUBLE
ME NO
MORE.

HA!
MY SCIENCE
BEATS YOUR
SCIENCE!

SO IT
WOULD SEEM.
VERY WELL.

I HAVE
OTHER OBSTACLES
UNDER MY SWAY.



UH-OH.



THEY'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS!

TRY NOT TO HURT ANYBODY!

THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR YOU, MOODSWING SLIM!



CYCLOPS?

I CAN'T SEE HIM! HE'S ALREADY BEEN PULLED UNDER!

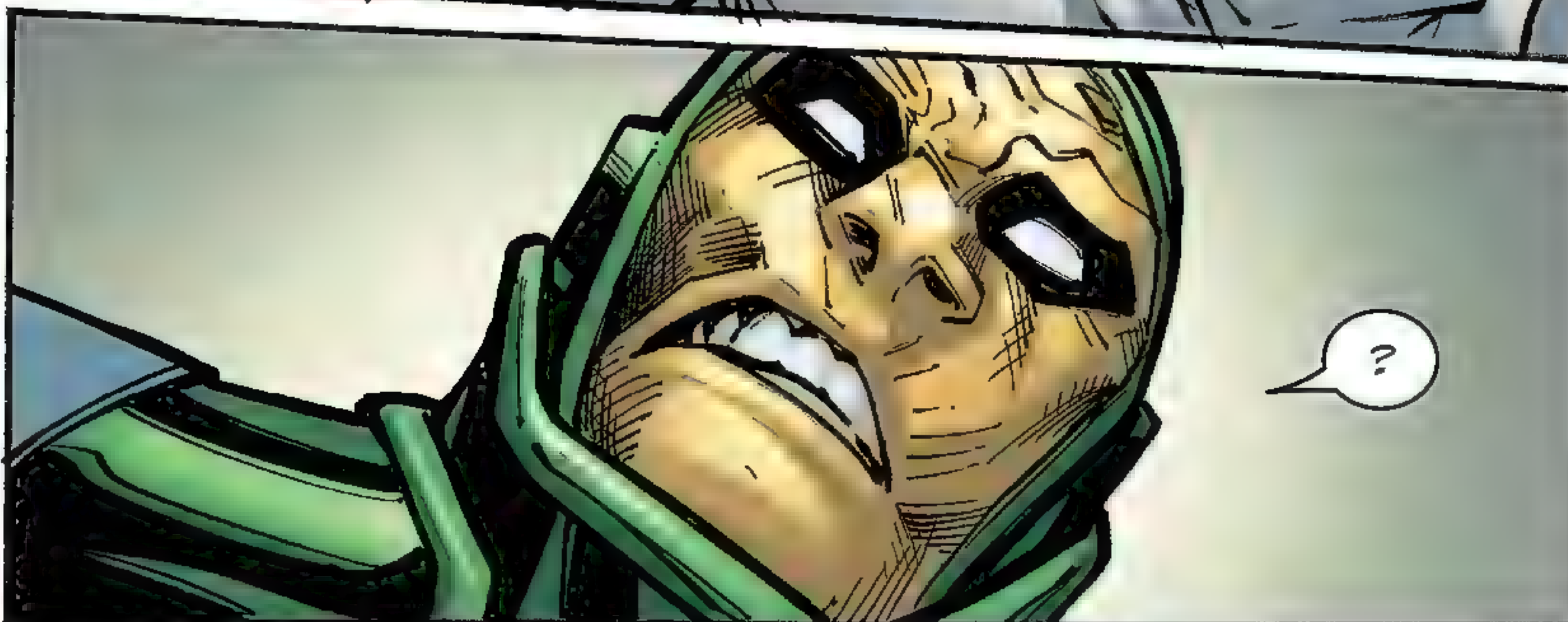


THE COLLARS---

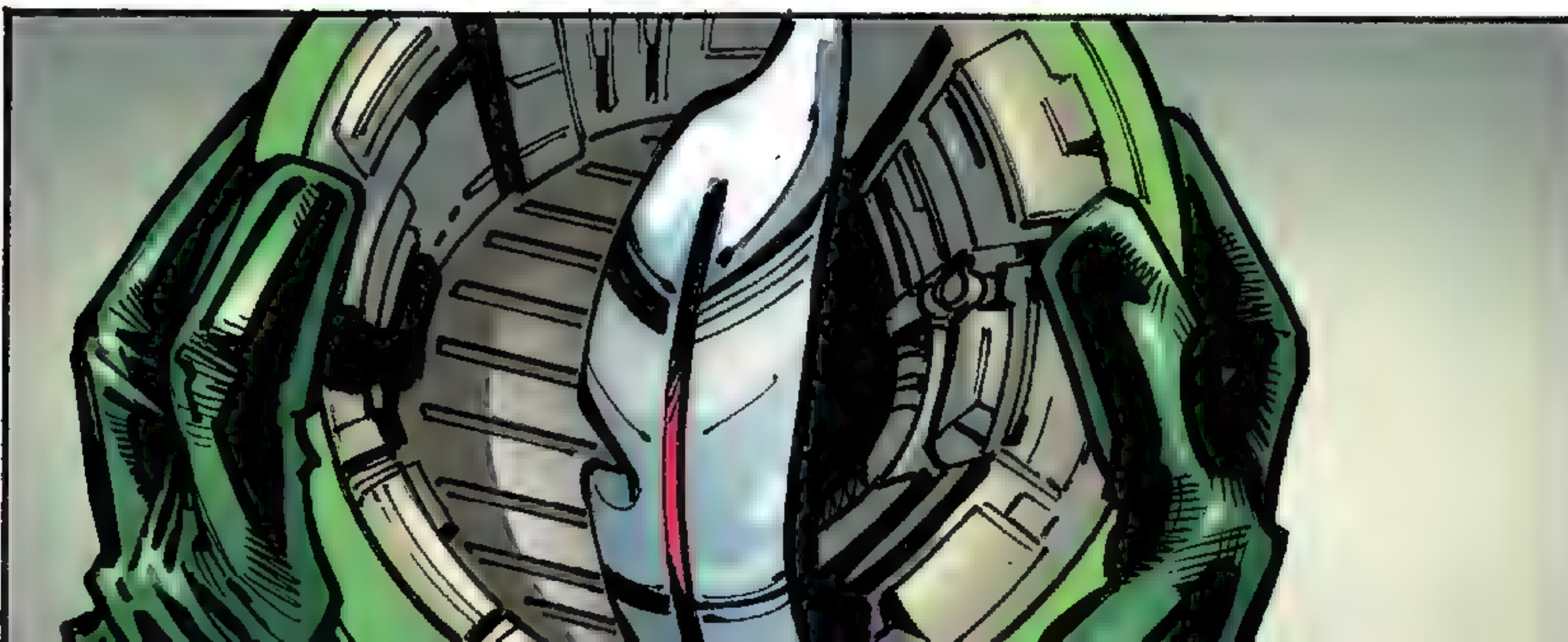
THEY'RE TEARING AWAY OUR COLLARS!

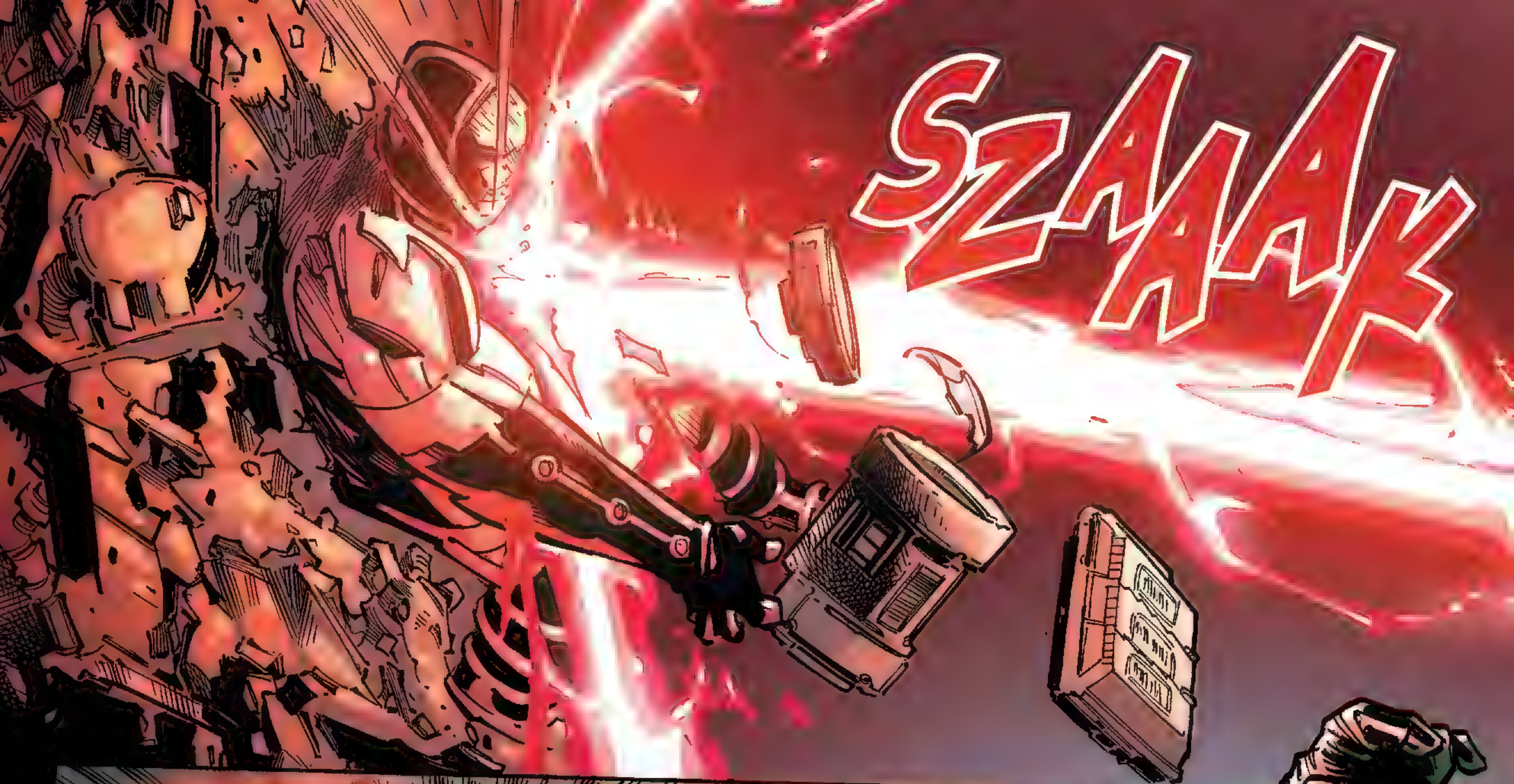


WHICH WILL MAKE FOR AN UNHINDERED EXIT. I NOW HAVE THE DEVICE FOR WHICH I CAME.



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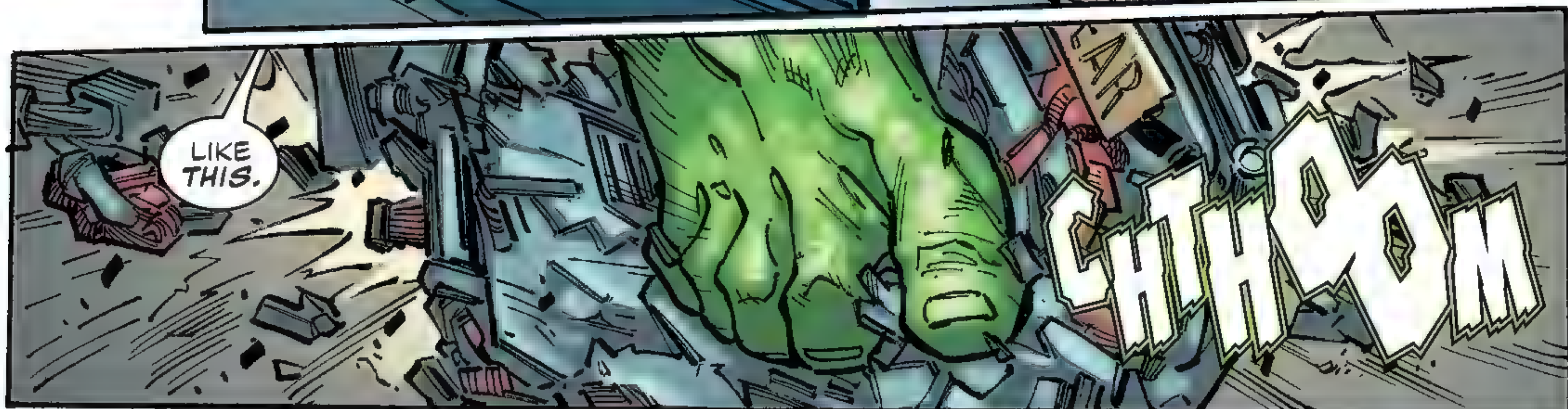
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YOU LIKE
EMOTION?
HERE'S ONE
FOR YOU!

WHEN YOU
COME AFTER
MY FRIENDS, I
REALLY SEE
RED!

OVER THERE!
HOW DO WE TURN
OFF THE BOX?



LIKE
THIS.

CHTHOON





WHERE...

...WHERE AM I?

BACK AT HEADQUARTERS. GOOD NEWS--MY INSTRUMENTS TELL US PSYCHO-MAN'S ENERGY HAS FINALLY BURNED OUT.

WHAT ENERGY? HAVE I BEEN HERE THE WHOLE TIME?

NO. YOU WERE IN THE FIELD WITH US. IN FACT, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DEFEATED HIM. YOU REMEMBER NONE OF THAT?

NO, BUT IF I BROUGHT HIM DOWN... GOOD FOR ME, I GUESS.

JUST TELL ME I DIDN'T SAY OR DO ANYTHING EMBARRASSING WHILE I WAS OUT OF IT.



ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU?

SAME OLD SLIM, BLITZED OR NOT BLITZED.

I WANT A BURRITO. WHO'S UP FOR BURRITOS?

NO BEANS FOR YOU!



JUST VIV! SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHOSE BODY PROCESSES EVERYTHING EFFICIENTLY!

THANK YOU?



THANK YOU FOR WATCHING OUT FOR ME.

THAT'S WHAT WE DO, SCOTT. WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS.



I KNOW.

**NEXT: THE AVENGERS/
CHAMPIONS WAR!**



#6 VENOMIZED VARIANT BY MIKE DEODATO JR. & RAIN BEREDO









#12 VENOMIZED VILLAINS VARIANT BY DAVID NAKAYAMA

Radical Viv
Basic super hero skin



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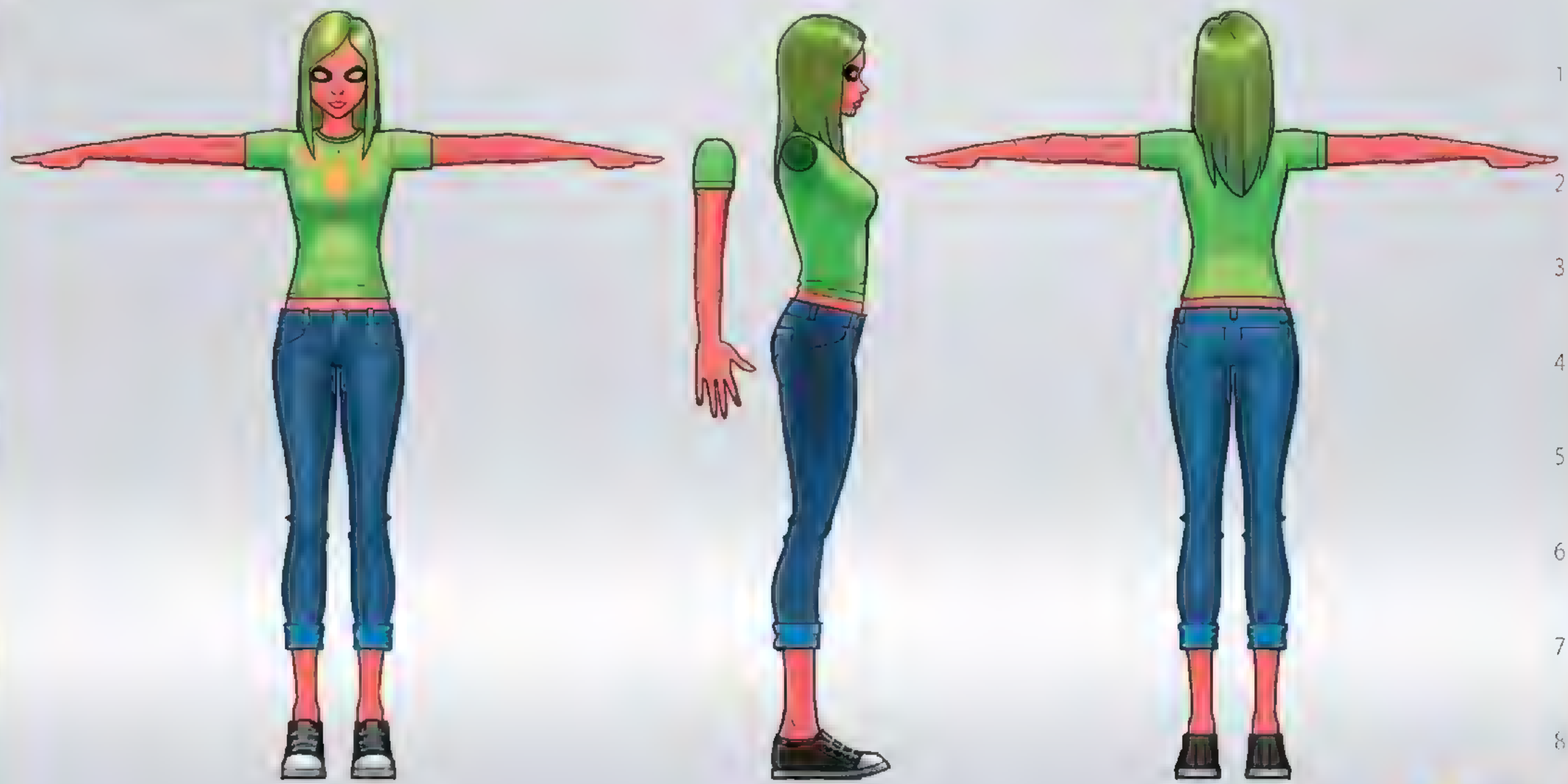
SIDE

BACK



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Viv –Lvl.1
Basic super hero progression



FRONT

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VIV VISION CHARACTER DESIGNS FROM THE *AVENGERS ACADEMY* MOBILE GAME

Viv –Lvl.2
Basic super hero progression

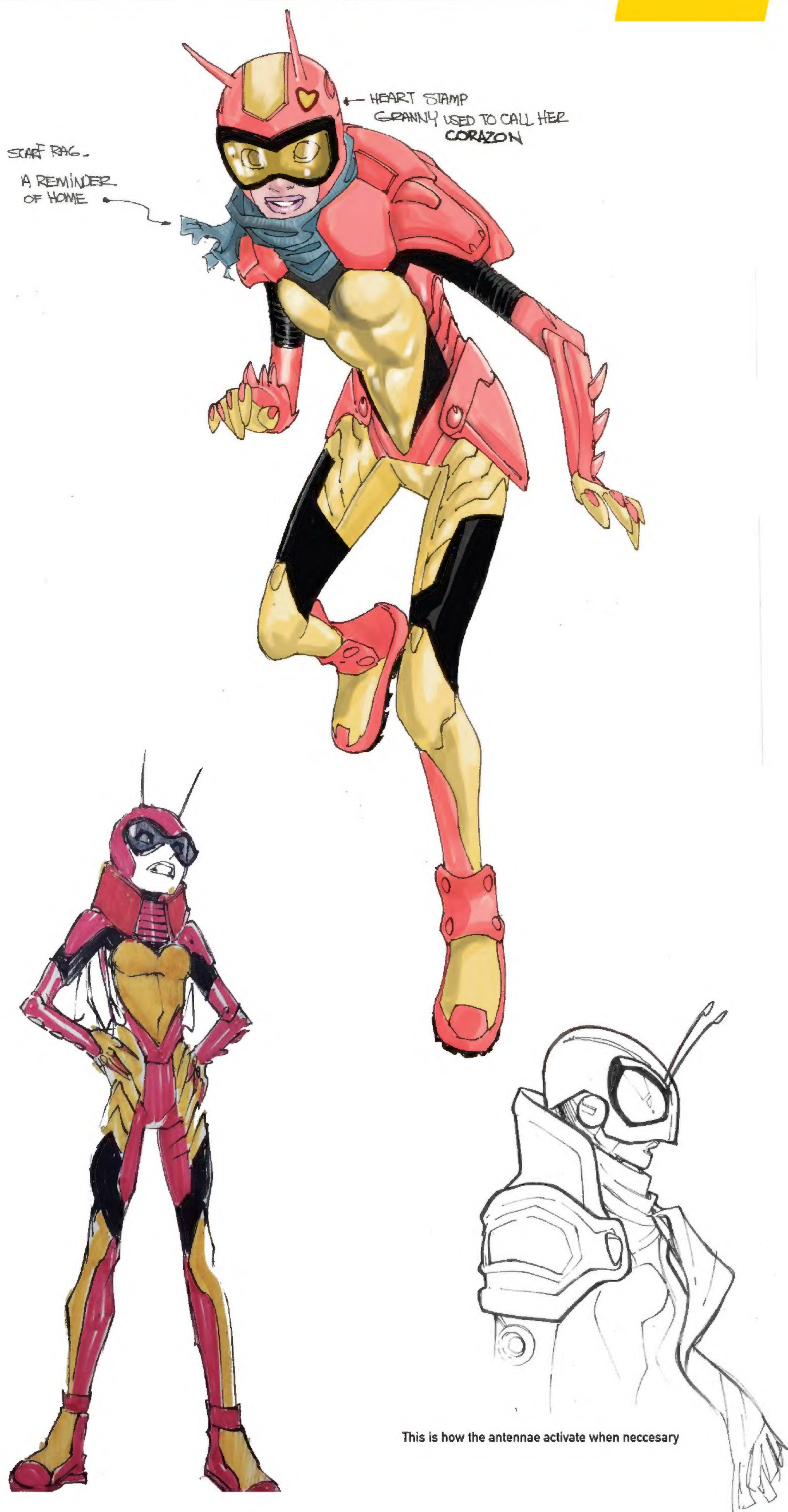


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Viv –Lvl.3
Basic super hero progression



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SCARF RAG...
A REMINDER
OF HOME

HEART STAMP
GRANNY USED TO CALL HER
CORAZON

This is how the antennae activate when necessary



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THEY'RE YOUNG AND IDEALISTIC, and their movement is gaining speed – but the newly minted Champions will get a harsh dose of reality when they're forced to throw down with the Freelancers! Plus: After what became of her family, Viv willingly shut down her emotions – but did her decision come at a price? And in the throes of SECRET EMPIRE, the Champions will see their world turned upside down! Broken up and scattered across the country, they still fight the good fight – but even if the world survives, the team will be divided. And by the time the conflict is over, the team's lineup may surprise you!

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